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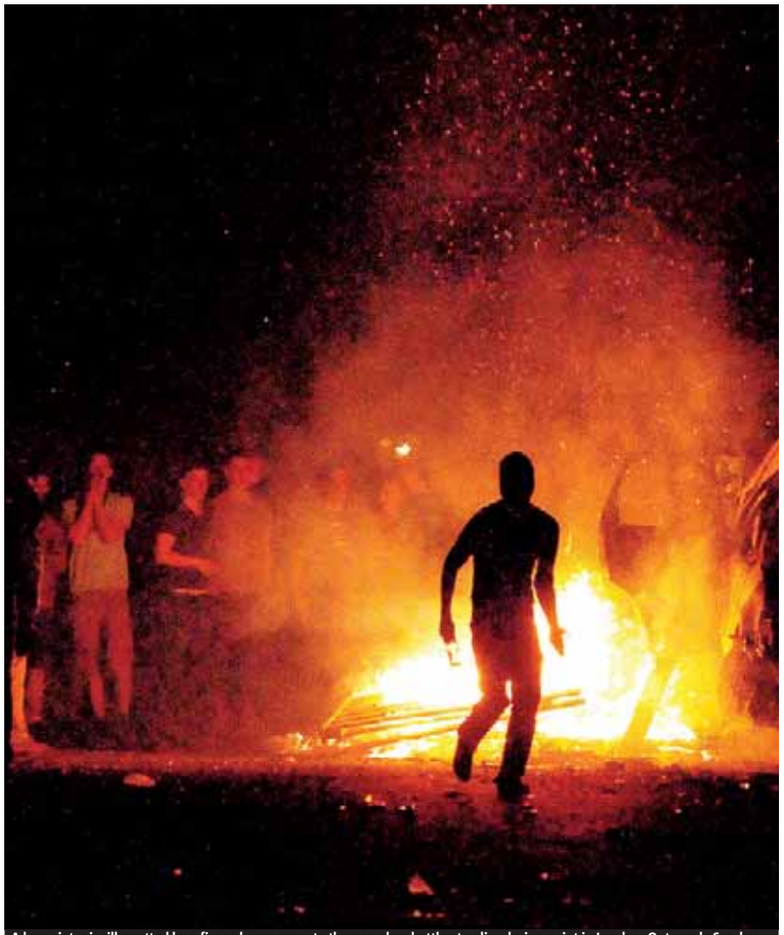

A lone rioter is silhouetted by a fire as he prepares to throw a glass bottle at police during a riot in London, Ont., early Sunday. Disgust and extreme disapproval were running high in the city after an intoxicated crowd of St. Patrick's Day revellers spent the previous night fuelling a huge street fire and attacking authorities who tried to intervene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drunken mob leaves London in tatters

Hooliganism. As of Sunday, 11 people had been arrested, seven of them Fanshawe College students

Around 1 a.m. Sunday, an intoxicated mob gathered around the remnants of a burning CTV news truck, flames stoked by broken fence posts, couches and televisions, and began to sing O Canada.

It was an incongruous detail, that such wanton vandalism begat, of all things, patriotism.

"I'm surprised they knew all the words," 18-year-old Marty Thompson noted dryly. The Fanshawe College broadcast student watched Saturday night's five-hour riot in London, Ont., devolve. And while no one was seriously injured, the city's police chief said the outcome could have been deadly.

Before the national anthem, there were cheers of "Go Leafs, go!" and "Ole, ole, ole" coming from the raucous crowd of 1,000 people at its peak, and fuelled by a sun-filled afternoon of drinking for St. Patrick's Day.

When a small group of police, pelted by revellers with water and beer bottles, backed off, the group celebrated, hurling insults at the officers and chanting, "We won!"

By Sunday afternoon, city crews were working to clean up burnt debris and broken glass with a backhoe, and some students set out with garbage bags.

London's police Chief Brad Duncan called the night's riot the worst case of civil disobedience the city's community had ever been subjected to.

"Never in my 32 years as a police officer have I observed behaviours that escalated to the point where there was risk that individuals could seriously be hurt or, quite frankly, killed," said Duncan.

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Toronto's 2,300 public library workers go on strike

Negotiations. Talks fail as workers say city would slash job security

At the end of a marathon round of talks that continued overnight and into Sunday, Toronto's library workers announced they will walk off the job starting Monday.

The announcement was made by Maureen O'Reilly, president of Local 4948, the Toronto Library Workers Union.

"Our goal was to protect workers, she said. "Despite our best efforts negotiations have stalled."

Late Saturday night, both parties decided to extend their 12:01 a.m. deadline to 3 a.m., then 6 a.m., then noon, and then until 5 p.m., according to a Toronto Public Library spokesperson.

Bleary-eyed negotiators worked through the night and day to avoid the closure of the 98 library branches in Toronto. Job security was the major issue during the negotiations.

Under a recently signed agreement with city outside workers belonging to Local 416, only those employed by the city 15 years will get continued employment if their jobs are made redundant by outsourcing.

An agreement like that for library workers would leave about 70 per cent vulnerable, said O'Reilly, because so many are part-timers.

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Part-time workers

More than 50 per cent of Toronto's 2,300 library workers are part-time, and O'Reilly has emphasized it's difficult for many, who also don't have benefits, to find enough hours to make ends meet.

Paul, left, and Sarah Doucette, both city councillors, react to the library union going on strike as of 5 p.m. Sunday, outside The Westin, Princess Hotel, in North York. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lake Ontario

Foul play not suspected in drowning death

Toronto police say the drowning death of a 20-year-old Markham man this week doesn't appear suspicious.

Officers were called to the waterfront shortly before 4 a.m. Friday by a man who said his friend had fallen into Lake Ontario.

Police were able to pull a man from the water, but he died later in hospital. The investigation continues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Park blaze

Arson to blame for High Park fire that damaged play structure

Toronto police say arson is to blame for a blaze in High Park.

Investigators say a large wooden play structure was set on fire before 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

They say the flames caused extensive damage.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to come forward.

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St. Patrick's Day ends in violence around the GTA

For many party-goers, a night of St. Patrick's Day revelry ended in violence, including dozens of fights, stabbings and several shootings in the GTA.

In Mississauga, one of those incidents turned deadly when 23-year-old Jarvis Mascarenhas was stabbed near Dundas Street East and Hurontario Street around 1:45 a.m.

The Brampton resident died in hospital, becoming Peel region's first homicide of the year.

A 25-year-old man also suffered minor stab wounds in the same incident and a 27-year-old man was hurt, but he was not stabbed. Also in Brampton, five people were injured in a shooting at the Ivy Bridge Peel Bar just after 4 a.m.

The victims were transported from the bar near Main Street South and Clarence Street to a local hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and released. Police are still looking for suspects.

Despite the number of incidents — EMS officials estimated "dozens" — most were minor in nature and not considered life-threatening.

Around midnight at College Street and Roxton Road in Toronto, paramedics transported the victim of a stabbing to hospital. Less than an hour later, around 12:45 a.m., a man was stabbed in the hand near Harbord and Borden Streets.

In the east end, at Cosburn and Logan Avenue around 1 a.m., two men were involved in a fight and stabbing that sent both to hospital.

A shooting in the Junction at Pelham Park Gardens near St. Clair Avenue West and Old Weston Road left a 19-year-old male with a bullet wound in his leg. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mobile news

Officials in Marseille are evacuating an area around the French Mediterranean city's port so they can remove a bomb that dates to the Second World War. Scan the code for the story.

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Nothing says St. Patrick's day like a riot

St. Patrick's Day celebrations turned ugly as 1,000 rioters squared off with London, Ont., police and firefighters Saturday night. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Air Canada asks for probe after pilots call in sick on weekend

Labour dispute. Flights delayed, cancelled in Montreal and Toronto Pearson on weekend

Air Canada has asked the Canada Industrial Relations Board to step in after an unusually high number of pilots called in sick over the weekend, causing some flights to be cancelled or delayed.

"Air Canada experienced numerous delays and cancellations over the weekend. While weather, a disruption caused by a fire at our major hub in Toronto, and other factors affected our operation, some impact was the result of a higher-than usual pilot book-offs," airline spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said Sunday.

"While Air Canada supports the right of its employees to book off when they are unwell or otherwise unfit to work, we cannot condone such activities as part of industrial action to disrupt our operations and we have asked the CIRB to intervene."

The union representing the pilots did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Numerous Air Canada flights were cancelled or delayed in Montreal on Saturday. The situation worsened on Sunday when Toronto's Pearson International Airport was forced to close one of its runways after a fire in a maintenance area on the airfield damaged electrical systems required to operate runway lights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada and pilots

- **Dispute.** Air Canada is in the middle of a bitter labour dispute with its pilots that prompted the federal government to step in earlier this month.
- **March Break.** The disruptions in Toronto came as thousands of March Break travellers were heading home.

Travellers at Toronto's Pearson airport faced several delays and cancellations on Sunday. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Junction real estate deals

LSUC suspends a second lawyer

The Law Society of Upper Canada has suspended a second lawyer for his role in a series of unusual real estate deals in The Junction area after he acknowledged being a "tool or dupe" and guilty of professional misconduct.

Veteran real estate lawyer Nelson Garcia admitted he breached several rules governing professional standards of a lawyer on four house deals between 2003-2005.

The move comes after a Law Society panel slapped lawyer Ron Hatcher with a one-year suspension and $30,000 in costs last fall for "participating in or knowingly assisting in dishonest or fraudulent conduct" by clients in obtaining mortgages involving seven houses in the area.

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Memorial to Second World War pilot erected in Belgium

Bev Haw, 85, left and LeAnne Taylor, 62, remember their Uncle Bob. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Four days before he vanished, Bob Haw wrote his final letter home.

"Dear Pop, Think I better get around to reminding you that your youngest is still alive and kicking," the 26-year-old scrawled in messy handwriting on March 11, 1945.

As a flight lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Air Force's 431 Squadron, he wrote breezy letters home but the reality of war was far removed from his Roncesvalles youth. At the Croft airfield in England, he was busy seven days a week, with administrative work by day and night raids as the Allies pushed further into Germany.

He was antsy to get back to Toronto, where he'd grown up canoeing Lake Ontario. He married his sweetheart Wilhelmina 10 days before he left for England, and he'd been overseas three years.

"Just three to do now. These last five have been hardest both physically and mentally," the pilot wrote to his dad.

On March 15, he was inside the Lancaster for his 35th and final operation. As darkness fell, hundreds of planes dropped bombs on oil refineries in Hagen, Germany. The city was devastated by the attack, with 800 soldiers and civilians dead. Somewhere along the route, Haw and his crew vanished into the darkness.

In November, a different kind of letter arrived at his father's hobby farm. A typewritten notice from the RCAF. Haw and his crew were presumed dead.

Haw was the baby of four siblings. His mother had died before the war began. He and his "pop" were close.

"I don't think he ever recovered from Bob," says Bev Haw, a nephew of Haw.

Correspondence

"The crew and I have finally climbed the ladder to within reaching distance of the finish"

Bob Haw, in his final letter home in 1945

Bob Haw's wife died in the 1980s. One of his sister-in-laws saved all his wartime letters and passed them on to her own daughter, LeAnne Taylor. She keeps them neatly arranged.

Taylor recently typed her uncle's name into Google. By fluke, she came across a message board where a Belgian woman was trying to contact families of the men who died when the plane went down. A monument has been erected at the crash site, and a dedication ceremony will happen this May.

Taylor and her daughter are planning to attend.

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Peter, 34, is an office manager at a downtown firm while Kim, 30, has just returned to the workforce and has a part-time job at a department store. They have a long-term financial goal to pay off their mortgage by the time Peter turns 60, and they have retirement and education savings plans in place too.

"We're especially good at stretching our budget on food," says Peter. "We plan meals ahead, shop the specials flyers and always pack lunches." The couple also manages with one car. "On the days I'm scheduled to work nights, I drop him off at the C Train — and he takes public transit," says Kim.

They've found other ways to save money too. For example, a few years ago they got a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* card that they now use to pay for as many everyday purchases as they can.

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Peter and Kim's profile:

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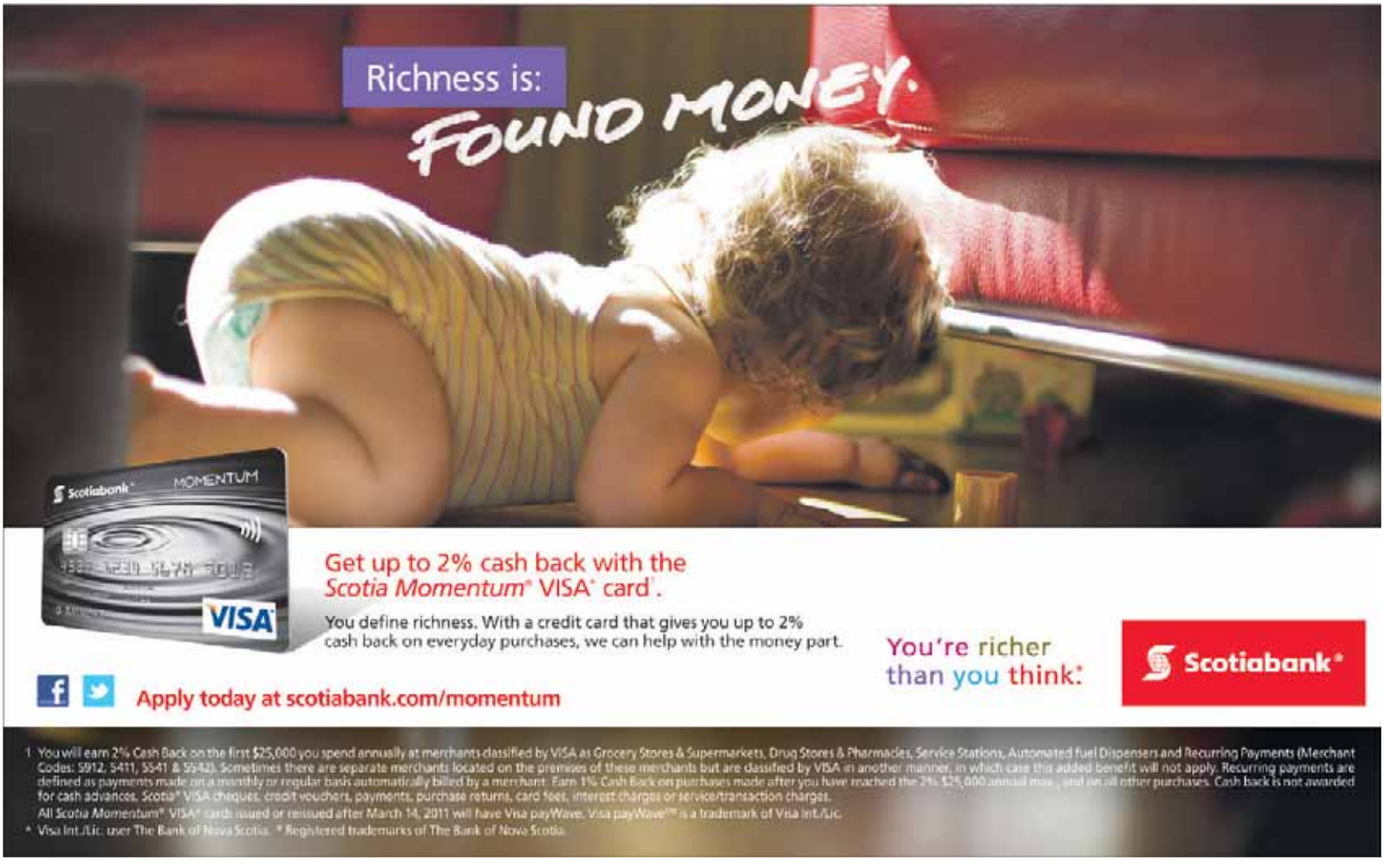
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Oshawa to address street number blunder

Planning flaw.
Residents will have to change their addresses after 'human error'

The city of Oshawa's building department needs a bit of a redo.

A dozen or so houses on Salmers Drive will be getting new street addresses after staff realized they had been numbered incorrectly.

For the city it means the house numbers will now be properly aligned with a planning grid that puts the intersection of Simcoe Street and King Street at zero.

But for residents on the street who were told the mistake was due to "human error," it means having to change their address all over again.

"It's a nuisance. Once we moved, we had to change all the information at that point in time, and then we have to do it now again," said Leanne Mochan, who moved into the new development with her family last July.

Mochan received a letter from the city of Oshawa a few weeks ago informing her that her house at 1358 Salmers Dr., would be renumbered to 1212 Salmers Dr. In the letter, the city said it would inform the utility providers about the address change, but the family would be responsible for changing the information on their health cards, driver's licences and elsewhere.

The residents were also told they had a month to change the numbers on their house, and given a small cheque in the mail to help to pay for costs associated with the change.

Some neighbours — including Kathy Metcalfe, whose address will be changed from 1368 to 1204 — took the gaffe in stride.

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The City of Oshawa recently sent Kathy and Gary Metcalfe a letter notifying them that their house number has to change from 1368 to 1204.
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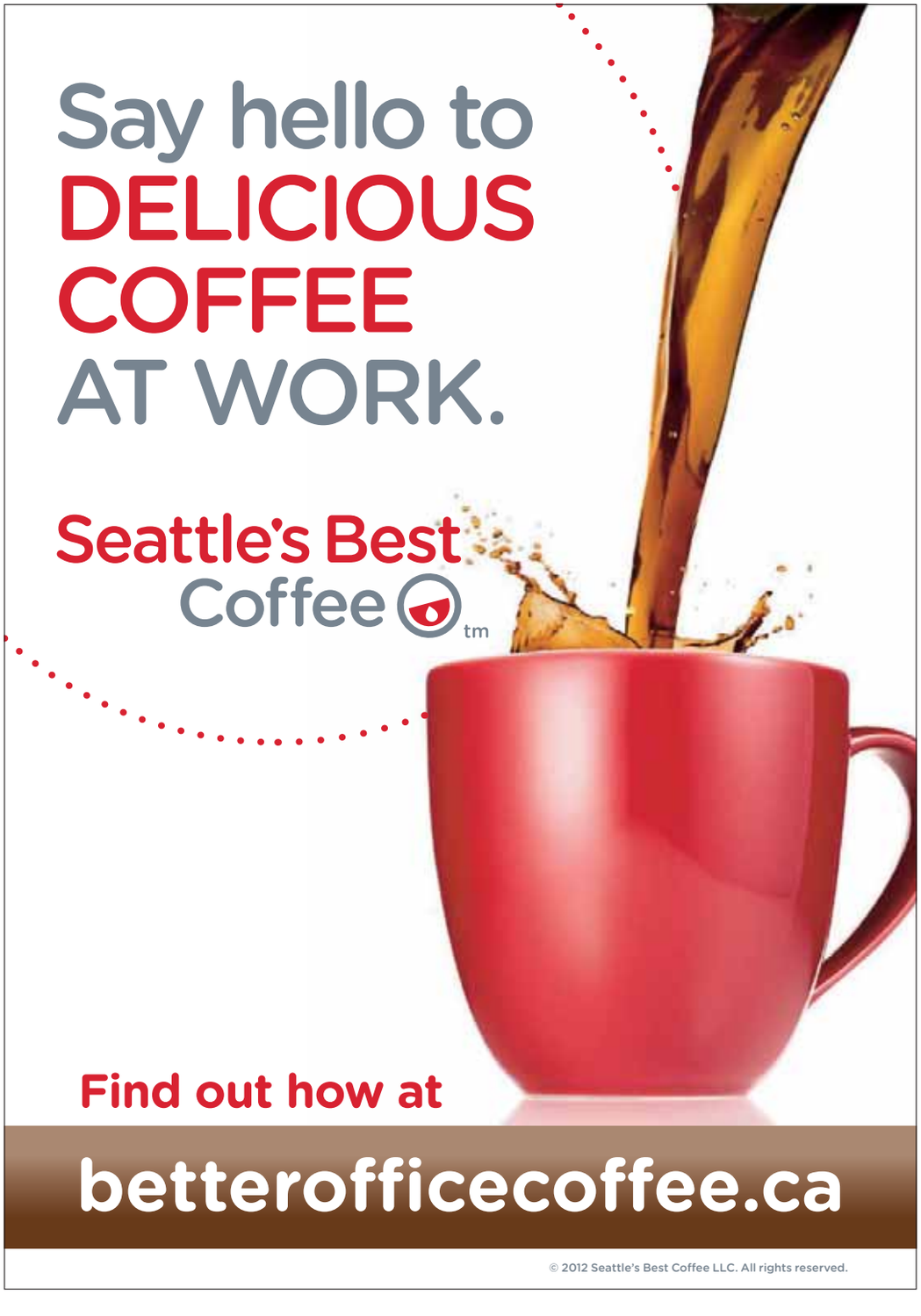

Education. Whitby students learning from new global curriculum

A small group of Whitby girls are learning math the Singapore way — not rushed, lots of sketching — in a quest for the number savvy that drives that small country's test scores through the roof.

The same students at Trafalgar Castle School will, when they hit Grade 9, start an unusual course in clear writing, originally designed for freshmen at the University of Chicago. They will learn music the way it's taught in London, England, study the leadership principles of the Canadian armed forces and their science labs soon may borrow from Finland, home of one of the most celebrated school systems in the world.

And sometime between Grade 5 and 12, each of the 200 students at this private all-girl school must take Mandarin, Latin and Greek.

It's all part of the "world best" curriculum that headmaster Adam de Pencier is trying to build by cherry-picking teaching methods from around the globe to apply to Ontario's curriculum.

"If we believe curriculum drives a school, shouldn't we try to choose the best curriculum, whether it's from Whitby, Walla Walla, or Wellington?" asked de Pencier, who had teacher Jessica Semkin train in Singapore.

Semkin said the Singapore approach "slows down the pace of learning to make sure there is a mastery of skills. With Singapore math, we spent about two weeks on multiplying fractions, instead of a day or two, and then coming back to it later."

Trafalgar Castle School also launched a self-editing course this year developed at the University of Chicago.

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Development. Downtown condominium is spitting distance from Gardiner

David Fleming's jaw dropped recently when he zoomed past a construction site that will soon be one of the Fort York neighbourhood's newest condos.

Where the Gardiner Expressway meets Bathurst Street, the development known as Garrison at the Yards now stands about seven storeys tall, giving passersby a clear view of just how cosy it is with the highway.

Fleming is a Toronto real estate agent and blogger.

He bets that people who move into the units at or near Gardiner level could hop right over the guard rail, if they were so inclined.

That's how close it is.

As more and more condos rise up within metres of the Gardiner, many are asking: who in their right mind would want to live in a unit that is spitting distance from the expressway?

"I have no idea what rational, sane buyer would walk in there and say, 'You know what? This is the place for me,'" Fleming said.

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These new condos offer a close-up view of the Gardiner. VINCE TALOTTA/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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GTA casino could ruin Rama First Nation: Chief

Gaming overhaul.
Casino Rama worried that Torontonians will no longer make the jaunt to Orillia

A new casino in Toronto could have dire consequences for Casino Rama employees and native populations in northern Ontario, warns the chief of Rama First Nation.

"The stream of revenue is very important to the community of Rama First Nation and the entire region, which depends hugely on this economic engine. It is a huge concern," Chief Sharon Stinson Henry said, noting that one of the Orillia casino's major markets is the 905 area code population.

She said her community was not consulted by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. as it planned changes to help the province battle the $16 billion deficit.

"It seems to me that the government is relying on a small segment of the population — gamblers — to battle the deficit. Casino Rama has consistently been a moneymaker since it opened its doors in 1996. But we're often lumped in with other casinos that don't make as much money."

Casino Rama, which gets more than three million visits a year, many from the GTA, employs about 2,500 people, including more than 400 from First Nations.

Communities at risk

"We're talking about good jobs here, revenue that comes into those communities at an important time for our province."

Taras Natyshak, NDP MPP for Essex, who is critical of the proposed gaming changes

The casino is run by a private firm, Penn National Gaming, which operates the centre in partnership with the OLG and Rama First Nation.

Under an agreement with the OLG that took effect last year, Rama First Nation receives 1.9 per cent of the annual gross revenues of Casino Rama, which is at least $5.5 million, said OLG spokesperson Tony Bitonti.

He said it's too early to tell what effects the proposed changes will have on existing centres, but said the OLG does not want to open new sites to the detriment of others.

"We want to make sure we're looking at the good of the province," Bitonti said. "We want to make sure this is a balanced plan. If it's not approved by the municipality, we don't move ahead with it." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Chief Sharon Stinson Henry of Rama Mnjikaning First Nation, right, seen greeting former governor general Michaëlle Jean, says a new Toronto casino will take revenue away from Casino Rama. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Charges expected in Afghan killings

Military trial. Lawyer for sergeant accused of slaughter to visit with client in wake of looming charges

With formal charges looming against his client within days, the lawyer for a U.S. Army sergeant suspected in the horrific nighttime slaughter of 16 Afghan villagers was flying Sunday to Kansas and preparing for his first face-to-face meeting with the 10-year veteran.

John Henry Browne of Seattle said he planned to meet Monday with Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who is being held in an isolated cell at the Fort Leavenworth maximum security military prison.

Bales, 38, hasn't been charged in the March 11 shootings, which have endangered relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan and threaten to upend U.S. policy over the decade-old war.

But formal charges are expected to be filed within a week and if the case goes to court the trial will be held in the United States, said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers, participates in an exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in this photo from last year. SPC. RYAN HALLOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/DVIDS

Accusation

- Military officials say that after drinking on a southern Afghanistan base, Bales crept away on March 11 to two slumbering villages.
- The 38-year-old married father of two from Washington state is accused of gunning down civilians and attempting to burn some of the bodies.
- Nine of the 16 killed were children and 11 belonged to one family.

India celebrates a year without polio

A child is administered polio drops by a health worker in New Delhi, India, Sunday. India celebrated a full year since its last reported case of polio, a major victory in a global eradication effort that seemed stalled just a few years ago. TSERING TOPGYAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Libya. Interpol seeks arrest of ex-intel chief

Interpol has issued an alert seeking the arrest and extradition of Moammar Gadhafi's former intelligence chief at Libya's request. Abdullah al-Senoussi was detained Saturday in Mauritania.

Libyan authorities may have requested the red notice, issued Sunday, in an attempt to ensure they take custody of the man accused of attacking civilians during the uprising against Gadhafi last year and the 1989 bombing of a French airliner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abdullah al-Senoussi
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Montenegro

Protesters rally for better living conditions

About 7,000 people rallied in Montenegro on Sunday demanding an end to alleged widespread corruption and for better living standards.
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Longevity

100-year-old says happiness a key to long life

A former Mr. Universe, pictured, who has just turned 100 said Sunday that happiness and a life without tensions are the key to his longevity.
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Manohar Aich
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Pacific island nation

King of Tonga dies at 63

Tonga's King George Tupou V, who championed a more democratic system of government in the Pacific island nation, died Sunday at a Hong Kong hospital, the Tongan prime minister said. He was 63. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cyclists

Manitoba may change helmet law

Manitoba may soon make it illegal for cyclists to ride without a helmet.

Manitoba is one of the few provinces that currently allows people to ride bikes without a helmet.
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Belarus

Two men executed for subway blasts

Two men convicted of carrying out a deadly subway bombing last year in Belarus' capital have been executed, drawing strong condemnation from activists and the European Union.
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St. Patrick's Day parade caps week of festivities

Lucia Azevedo, the Queen of Samba, takes part in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Vancouver Sunday. Thousands lined the streets for the parade, which capped a week of CelticFest celebrations in the city, including live music and a Celtic Village street fair.
KYLA JONAS/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Budget to end spending spree

Conservatives. Finance minister expected to deliver most frugal strategy since 1995

The March 29 budget will mark the end of the spending and hiring sprees undertaken by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government since 2006.

While the need to shrink government has always featured prominently in Conservative rhetoric, since taking power Harper's Conservatives have actually run up annual federal spending to $276 billion, an increase of nearly 30 per cent.

Likewise, the size of the federal public service has risen during the Harper years by 32,000 employees to 282,000 (not including RCMP and uniformed military personnel).

But this budget, which Harper has labelled an instrument of transformational change, is designed to move Ottawa away from the trend toward more public servants and increased government goodies.
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A worker cleans Zuccotti Park as private security guards watch on Sunday after Occupy Wall Street demonstrators were cleared from the park in New York. STAN HONDA/GETTY IMAGES

73 detained in Occupy anniversary protest

New York. Police move in after demonstrators marking six months of the Occupy movement refuse to leave a park

Protesters marking the six-month mark since the start of the Occupy movement were taken into custody by police officers who poured into the park after warning those who had gathered there that it was closed.

Police said 73 people were detained. It was unclear how many were still in custody Sunday afternoon. Some demonstrators had locked arms and sat down in the middle of Zuccotti Park near Wall Street — where the protest movement started last September — after police announced on a bullhorn at around 11:30 p.m. Saturday that the park was closed.

Officers then entered the park, forcing out most of the crowd and surrounding a small group that stayed behind. Police formed a human ring around the park to keep protesters out.

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Tipping point

For hours, the demonstrators had been chanting and holding impromptu meetings in the park to mark the Occupy movement's anniversary, as police mainly kept their distance.

- But New York Police Det. Brian Sessa said the tipping point came when the protesters started breaking the park rules. "They set up tents. They had sleeping bags," he said. Electrical boxes also were tampered with and there was evidence of graffiti.

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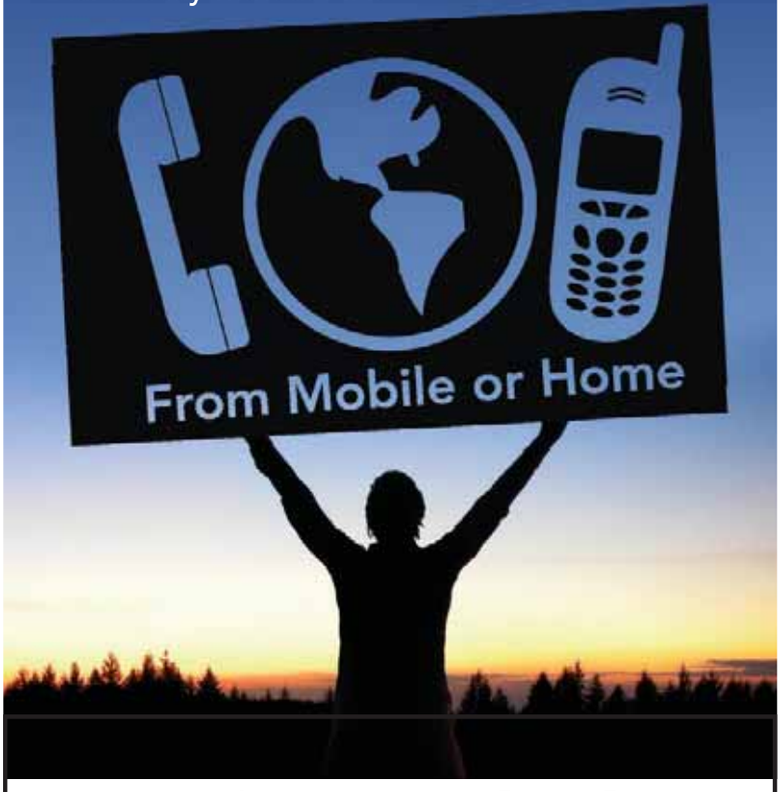

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Egypt's Christians remember 'protector' pope

Tens of thousands of Coptic Christians lined up outside a cathedral in the Egyptian capital on Sunday to pay their final respects to the spiritual leader of their ancient church, whose body was seated inside on an ornate throne.

The grief of the faithful filing past Pope Shenouda, who died Saturday at 88, may also reflect the uncertainty felt by the country's Christian minority following the recent rise of Islamists to power.

In his death, Egypt's 10 million Christians have lost a seasoned protector at a bad time.

"He has been our protector since the day I was born," said a tearful Antonios Lateef as he waited in line to take one last look at the Pope, who spent 40 years at the helm of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

The crowds outside the cathedral in central Cairo carried crosses and portraits of Shenouda. "Ya Allah!" or "Oh God!" they chanted in unison.

Soldiers backed by armoured personnel carriers deployed outside the cathedral, possibly as a deterrent to possible attacks by militant Muslims targeting the large number of Christians gathered or angry over the traffic disruptions they caused.

Shenouda, seated on the throne of St. Mark, or Mar Morkos, was clad in the elaborate regalia he traditionally wore to oversee services. His head slightly tilting to the right, he held a scepter.

"Please, let me come a little bit closer," one woman pleaded with a tearful voice to guards surrounding the body to keep the mourners away.

Shenouda's death could lead to a long power vacuum.

It could take months before a successor is found, according to Fuad Girgis, a prominent Christian from the Mediterranean city of Alexandria and a member of the Church's local layman council, known as el-Maglis el-Melly.

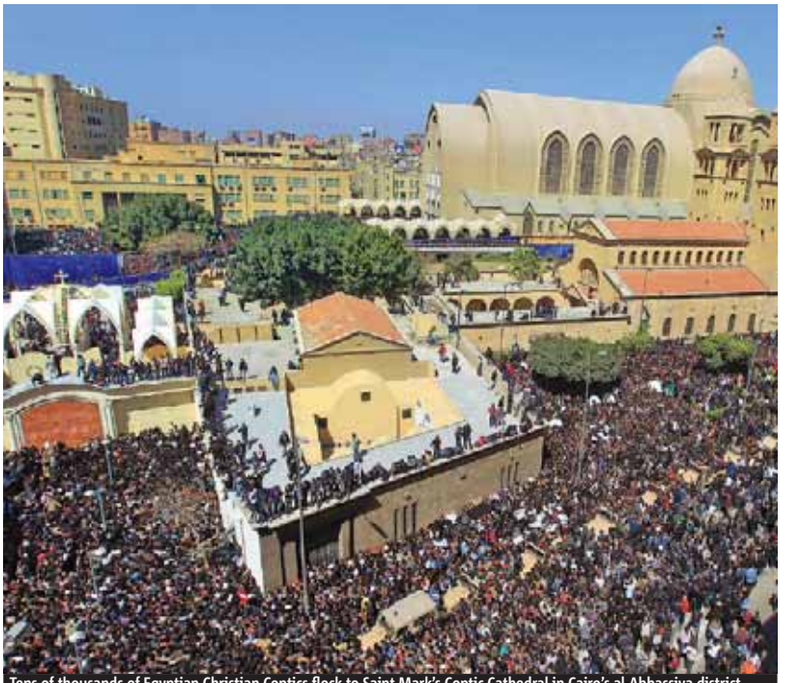
"Pope Shenouda assumed the throne of St. Mark eight months after the death of his predecessor," he noted. Shenouda will be buried on Tuesday.

During his 40 years as patriarch, Shenouda strove to ensure his place among the main players in this mainly Muslim nation, pressing demands behind the scenes while keeping Christians' anger over violence and discrimination in check.

It was a delicate balancing act undertaken for years by a man who kept a relatively high media profile during most of the past four decades, giving interviews, speaking on key domestic and regional developments and never allowing himself to show anger at times of crisis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christians and Muslims

- **Representation.** Though denied by authorities, Christians say discrimination is practiced in numerous ways. For example, Christians rarely assume leadership roles in security agencies or as teachers, and there are only a handful of Christians in parliament.
- **Fears.** Christian worries have deepened with the rise of Islamic movements to political power, a string of deadly attacks on their community and places of worship and heightened anti-Christian rhetoric by ultraconservative Muslims, or Salafis.



Tens of thousands of Egyptian Christian Coptics flock to Saint Mark's Coptic Cathedral in Cairo's al-Abbassiya district on Sunday to bid farewell to Pope Shenouda III, the spiritual leader of the Middle East's largest Christian minority. KHALED DESOUKI/GETTY IMAGES

Energy Minister Chris Bentley speaks with Hydro One employees last December. JOHN SPEARS/TORSTAR

Green energy. No veto over location for municipalities

Ontario municipalities will get more say, but not a veto over the location of wind farms and solar-power projects when the province releases a review of its green energy plans this week.

"As far as the location of renewable energy projects, municipalities and communities will see that we have listened," Energy Minister Chris Bentley said in an interview.

Several mayors and reeves from smaller communities walked out of a recent speech by Premier Dalton McGuinty to protest the lack of local decision-making power over solar and wind projects.

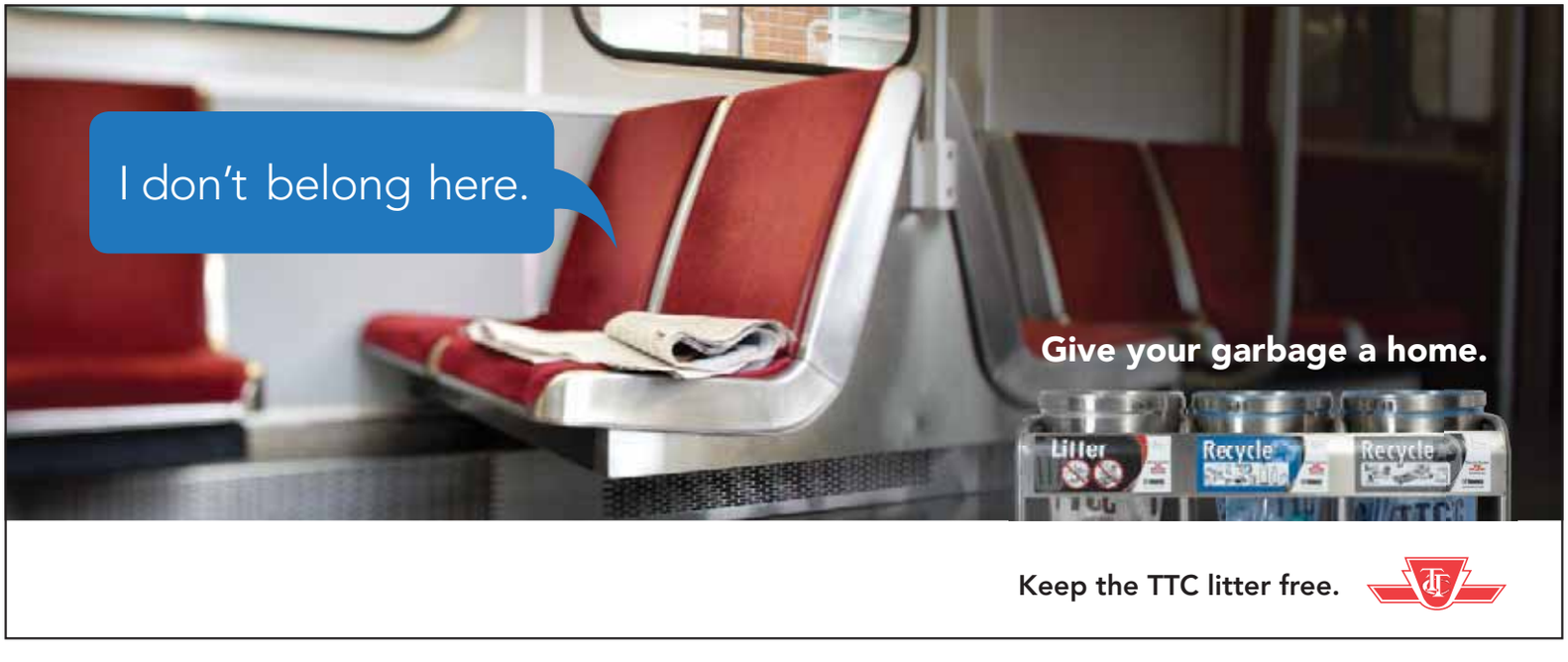
The Progressive Conservatives believe local governments are entitled to a say over where green-energy projects go, while the NDP says the Liberals should have done a better job of making sure local councils were consulted.

Professor Warren Mabee of the Queen's University Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy said the danger with giving municipalities a veto is added delays in getting project approvals. "They'll certainly be involved more in the planning process, which takes us back a little bit to the days when municipalities had that jurisdictional right, and where there was lots of discussions," Mabee said.

"In fact, that was one of the problems: it was difficult to get projects approved at all levels to move forward, (and) that was something they tried to deal with in the Green Energy Act."

The review of the feed-in-tariff, or FIT program, will also lower the lucrative premiums the province pays for future wind and solar power contracts, which the Opposition blames for rising electricity bills.

"The auditor general estimated the cost of this program is about $6.4 billion more than it would have been if we had a competitive supply system..." said PC Leader Tim Hudak. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alberta election shaping up as battle between rightist parties

Right vs right. The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, has become a threat to the Tories

The election writ is set to drop this week in Alberta and if the demonizing hyperbole from the two rightist heavyweight parties is to be believed, voters have a simple choice: Mommie Dearest or Psycho.

The governing Progressive Conservatives and the upstart Wildrose party are running one-two in the polls as Premier Alison Redford prepares to call the campaign shortly after her caucus passes the budget on Wednesday.

"I think people are pretty anxious to get to the polls, as am I," Redford said.

"I believe we're going to have a strong election. We're going to have a strong showing."

Redford is running in her first election as premier since taking over as party leader from Ed Stelmach last fall.

History is on her side.

The Tories have been in power for more than 40 years with 11 consecutive majority governments, alternating between solid and crushing victories.

They have decimated all comers from the left side of the spectrum, but this time face one coming at them from the right.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, has become a threat to the Tories by co-opting the traditional conservative agenda of balanced budgets and reduced spending abandoned by the Tories under Stelmach and Redford.

They have capitalized on public discontent with recent land laws, some of which have been rescinded, that gave cabinet sweeping power to grab private land and cancel leases to build infrastructure.

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Attack ads

- **On the radio.** The Alberta Tories have already launched radio attack ads in what is expected to be the key battleground of Calgary, warning voters that the Wildrose party's Danielle Smith — blinkered by ideology and demagoguery — is sociopathically fighting to have people killed by drinking drivers.

Wildrose party Leader Danielle Smith. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outsiders find Albertans smug, uncaring: Poll

Canoes on the shores of Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park. A study found that Albertans are generally hard-working people who live in a place of outstanding natural beauty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The city that likes to consider itself the Centre of the Universe now thinks that Calgary and Edmonton are the ones getting too big for their britches.

At least, that's the conclusion of extensive polling done for the Alberta government into how its citizens are seen elsewhere in Canada.

"In Toronto, we found clear evidence of frustration that Alberta was becoming a stronger pillar and a more central agent in terms of Canada's economy, eclipsing Ontario in some respects," said a report on the Harris Decima poll, released in 2009 but unpublicized until now.

"In Toronto and Vancouver, there were also considerable perceptions that Alberta was a fairly right-wing or conservative place, and that compassion, open-mindedness and tolerance was not always what it could or should be."

The poll was conducted in the fall of 2008 in Toronto and Vancouver as well as several Alberta communities. It used both surveys and focus groups and has a 2.8 per cent margin of error.

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Study results

- **Respondents.** The study found 40 per cent of non-Albertan respondents felt Albertans didn't care much about the rest of Canada. More than a quarter described Albertans as greedy and another quarter found them arrogant.

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Egypt

Women tourists kidnapped

Armed tribesmen on Sunday kidnapped two Brazilian women and their Egyptian tour guide as they were travelling on a bus near Mount Sinai, say security officials. Tribesmen in the area have in the past abducted tourists to pressure Egyptian authorities to release their own detained relatives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France

Old bomb spurs evacuation

Officials in Marseille have evacuated an area around the French city's port so they can remove a one-tonne German bomb that dates to the Second World War. Around 1,000 people were asked to clear out Sunday. Boat traffic has been halted and access to several coastal roads blocked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uruguay

Poisoning deaths suspected

Uruguayan police say an investigation into dozens of possibly induced deaths at hospitals has led to the detention of at least two people. Police said Sunday that officials suspect workers at two hospitals brought a type of poison from Brazil and gave it to patients who were in critical condition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran

Soccer star Daei recovering

Iran's state TV is reporting that the country's soccer legend, Ali Daei, was injured in a car crash and is recovering from head injuries. The Sunday report showed footage of the 42-year-old speaking from his hospital bed and thanking people for their sympathy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ali Daei
JAN BAUER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Venezuela

Consul's daughter shot dead by cops

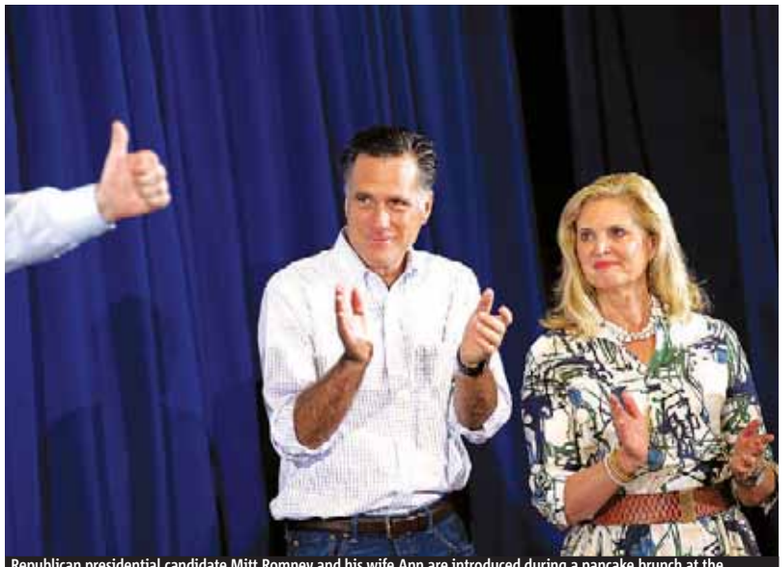
The police killing of a Chilean diplomat's teenage daughter is reigniting concerns among Venezuelans about excessive force by police and officers' involvement in rampant violent crime. Karen Berendique, 19, was riding in a vehicle when police at a checkpoint opened fire early Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romney turns sights on Illinois

Politics. Republican candidate has been battling to capture enough support to end primary fight early, but it now appears that won't be happening

Mitt Romney has yet another chance this week — Tuesday's primary election in the critical heartland state of Illinois — to prove he is the inevitable Republican candidate in the extended and bitter fight for the nomination to challenge U.S. President Barack Obama in the November election.

The former Massachusetts governor and multimillionaire, who accumulated his fortune buying and selling troubled business ventures, has, however, proven singularly unable to win the hearts of the base of the Republican party, an increasingly conservative bloc of voters who distrust Romney for his moderate past positions on important social issues like abortion and gay rights.



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife Ann are introduced during a pancake brunch at the American Legion Sunday in Moline, Ill. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

To assure himself of the nomination he must accumulate 1,144 delegates to the Republican National Convention — allocated through state-by-state primary elections and caucuses.

Romney has captured 501 delegates heading into Sunday, more than all of his rivals combined. Santorum stands at 253, Gingrich has 136, and Texas Rep. Ron Paul is at 50, according to an Associated Press projection.

Making the rounds

"I can't tell you exactly how the process is going to work, but I bet I'm going to become the nominee. I sure hope I'm going to become the nominee."

Mitt Romney in an interview with Fox News Sunday

Front-runner Romney's gaze is fixed on the national convention and clinching the nomination beforehand.

The importance Romney places on Illinois showed itself over the weekend when he added campaign events to his schedule in the Midwestern state. Romney's campaign was taking no chances in Illinois after losses to Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, last week in the Deep South primaries in Mississippi and Alabama.

Romney is favoured in Illinois after eking out victories over Santorum in Michigan and Ohio, two other industrial states in the middle of the country. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statehood for Palestinians out of reach: Israeli report

An Israeli government report says the Palestinian Authority is not economically stable enough for statehood.

The report is set to be presented this week to donors to the Palestinian Authority. They include the U.S., the EU, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The report says Palestinian "financial stability is now challenged." It cited a shortfall of foreign aid and lack of development in the private sector.

Last year the IMF said Palestinian financial institutions were ready for statehood.

Palestinian spokesman Ghassan Khatib rejected the Israeli report, citing statements by the IMF and others.

"As Palestinians we are ready for statehood," he said. "Our institutions are ready."

Donors have given billions of dollars to the Palestinians since 1993.

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Crime. Man found guilty of tax fraud

A California man has been convicted in a scheme that saw hundreds of Canadians file fraudulent tax refund claims in the United States.

Ronald L. Brekke was found guilty this week of conspiracy and wire fraud after helping nearly 1,000 people falsely claim millions of dollars in tax refunds.

"There were around 630 Canadians who sought fraudulent refunds from the IRS under this (scheme)," said Daniel Wardlaw, spokesman for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service criminal investigation office in Seattle.

Brekke told his victims the U.S. Treasury would pay out tax refunds equal to their personal debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Co-conspirators

- Ronald I. Brekke's co-conspirators, Donald Mason of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., and John Chung of Kelowna, B.C., were arrested in October 2009. They were convicted of fraud in connection with the case.

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Members of the Bundestag congratulate Joachim Gauck, centre, after he was elected as Germany's new president Sunday. CARSTEN KOALL/GETTY IMAGES

Germany picks its president

Joachim Gauck. Won wide backing from mainstream parties after predecessor Christian Wulff quit in a corruption scandal last month

A far-reaching majority of lawmakers elected former East German pro-democracy activist Joachim Gauck as Germany's new president Sunday.

The 72-year-old Gauck is an outspoken former Lutheran pastor and relentless advocate of democracy and civil rights. He received 991 of the 1,232 ballots cast. The ex-communist Left party's candidate Beate Klarsfeld secured 126 votes, the far right NPD party's candidate Olaf Rose only three, said Norbert Lammert, the president of the German Parliament.

Acceptance speech

"I accept this ... with the infinite gratefulness of a person who has ... found his home again."

Joachim Gauck, Germany's new president

Gauck opposed East Germany's then-communist regime and became head of a federal agency overseeing the files of the Communists' ubiquitous domestic intelligence service after Germany's reunification in 1990.

The candidate appeared moved as he accepted the election to become the country's new head of state, a largely ceremonial role in Germany that has little executive power but is considered an important moral authority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rutgers. Alternate juror disagrees with verdict

An alternate juror in the trial of a former Rutgers University student convicted in a webcam spying episode that ended in his gay roommate's suicide says he disagrees with the verdict.

James Downey told The Record newspaper on Saturday that he wouldn't have voted to convict Dharun Ravi on any charges related to allegations his actions were motivated by anti-gay bias. Downey says he was "kind of up in the air" on the other charges.

As an alternate, the Woodbridge Township resident heard all the testimony but didn't participate in deliberations.

The jury returned its verdict Friday. It was unanimous in finding Ravi guilty of all 15 charges against him, including invasion of privacy and anti-gay intimidation against roommate Tyler Clementi.

Dharun Ravi THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ravi's lawyers say they'll appeal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health Canada

Pharmacy probed over gift baskets

Health Canada called in the Mounties after investigators found a Winnipeg pharmacy used a gift-basket scheme to allegedly fleece the federal government's health plan for aboriginals.

An access-to-information request uncovered an audit that described how the drug store would allegedly give away "gift baskets" of dandruff shampoo, condoms and other items along with prescriptions, then bill the government plan for both the prescription and over-the-counter items.

Health Canada has since reached a settlement with the pharmacy to recover $25,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Syrian rebels. Hundreds flee to Turkey to regroup, face weapons shortages

Syrian rebel commander Ahmad Mihbzt gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Gorentas, Turkey, Sunday. SELCAN HACAOGLU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian rebels are regrouping despite some bitter defeats at the hands of President Bashar Assad's regime, and a top priority is finding weapons and ammunition to boost their firepower, a man who identified himself as a low-ranking rebel commander told The Associated Press.

Ahmad Mihbzt, who said he was a sergeant who defected from the Syrian army, is one of hundreds, possibly thousands, of rebels who have fled to Turkey, where many hope to turn the tide of the fight back in their favour.

"We are regrouping," Mihbzt insisted Sunday. "We are working on finding weapons."

In recent weeks, as the uprising against Assad wrapped up its first year, Syrian government forces retook some key rebel-held areas in the country.

On March 1, after nearly four weeks of relentless shelling that killed hundreds of people, the government reclaimed the Baba Amr neighbourhood in the city of Homs.

On Tuesday, government forces retook the town of Idlib after a bloody, three-day operation close to the border with Turkey.

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2 killed, 30 injured as blast rocks city in northern Syria

Bombings. Aleppo and capital Damascus struck by a number of deadly explosions since December

An explosion struck near a Syrian government security building in the northern city of Aleppo Sunday while a harsh security crackdown prevented opposition rallies marking one year since the first nationwide protests of the uprising against President Bashar Assad.

The Syrian state news agency called the Aleppo explosion a "terrorist bombing" and said one policeman and one female civilian were killed, while 30 were injured. It was the second attack in two days on regime strongholds. Three suicide bombings in the capital Damascus on Saturday killed 27 people.

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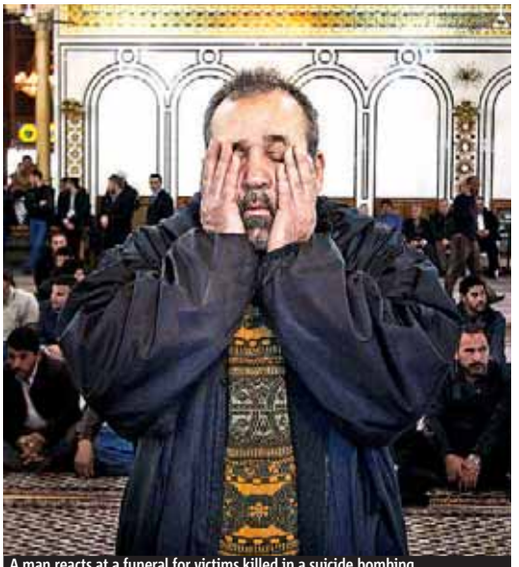

A man reacts at a funeral for victims killed in a suicide bombing attack in Damascus, Syria, Sunday. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Humanitarian crisis

Red Cross seeks Syrian foreign aid corridor

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says he will meet with Russia's foreign minister Monday seeking a daily break in fighting in Syria to improve access for aid workers.

ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger says his meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will focus on areas affected by the uprising against President Bashar Assad where the humanitarian situation "remains extremely difficult and could deteriorate further."

Kellenberg said Sunday the Red Cross "is asking for an unambiguous commitment" from all parties to arrange a daily cessation in Syrian fighting for at least two hours.

He says a humanitarian corridor is "essential" for emergency medical evacuations and bringing aid to vulnerable people swiftly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Recovery has a long way to go

Speaking at a conference in Beijing, the head of the International Monetary Fund warned Sunday against complacency about global finance despite improved conditions.

Christine Lagarde told an audience of Chinese and foreign officials and business executives that the global economic recovery will be "a marathon, not a sprint."

She said developed countries need to strengthen their financial systems and cope with high debt, and that developing countries need to improve their defences against external shocks.

"The world economy has stepped back from the brink and we have causes to be a little bit more optimistic," she said. "But optimism should not give us a sense of comfort and certainly should not lull us into a false sense of security." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Free trade. Thailand has offer for Harper

Thailand is planning a major pitch to open free trade talks with Canada this week, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper begins his second Asia trip in three months.

Thailand will sweeten its offer by positioning itself as a comfortable and safe entry point from which Canada could make further inroads throughout South Asia — raising the potential of a broader trade deal with the region's emerging, 10-country bloc, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Imports

$2.7B

Canada has modest trade with Thailand, with exports of $839 million and imports of $2.7 billion in 2011.

China is not an ASEAN member, so any economic gains with the bloc would represent a significant broadening of the Harper government's pro-Asia trade aspirations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GPS was just the start ...

Driver Ben Gleitzman uses a traffic and navigation app called Waze on his iPhone as he drives to work in Menlo Park, Calif. Thousands of enthusiasts travelling the world using little more than GPS-equipped smartphones are helping Waze and other services to build in-depth maps of cities and countries around the world. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oil spill

Brazil to charge Chevron execs

Brazilian prosecutors said Saturday they will file criminal charges against 17 executives of Chevron Corp. and drilling contractor Transocean Ltd. for a new oil leak near the offshore well where at least 416,000 litres spilled late last year.

Those targeted include George Buck, chief operating officer for Chevron's Brazilian division, federal prosecutors' spokesman Marcelo del Negri said by telephone.

Other than Buck, he did not know how many of the executives worked for California-based Chevron and how many for Transocean, the drilling contractor for the well where the leak occurred last year.

Prosecutors have also asked the court for an order prohibiting the 17 from leaving the country, he said.

A spokeswoman for Chevron in Brazil said the company had no comment because it had not been notified of the decision.

George Buck, Chevron Brazil CEO
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On Thursday, Chevron confirmed that there was a "small new oil seepage" and that it was working to collect the crude.

Oil started leaking from cracks on the ocean floor at the site of a Chevron appraisal well last Nov. 7, about 370 kilometres) off the northeastern coast of Rio de Janeiro state. About two weeks later, ANP, Brazil's oil industry regulator, said that the leak was under control.

Experts had warned, however, that there was a high risk of oil seepage resuming.

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Apple. Newest iPad may be less profitable

Apple appears to be making less of a profit from each new iPad than it did when it launched the previous model a year ago, according to a research firm's analysis.

IHS iSuppli took apart a new iPad on Friday, the day the device went on sale in the U.S. and nine other countries, and found that the components are more expensive than those of the iPad 2.

The third iPad comes in several versions starting at $499, the same price as the iPad 2 at launch.

Apple has priced all three generations of the tablet aggressively, making it hard for competitors to match its features at the same price.

The new iPad launched Friday.
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Economists. Action needed on mortgages

Pressure is building on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to intervene for a fourth time on mortgages to keep Canada's housing market and household debt in check.

TD Bank's chief economist Craig Alexander has suggested three options and asks the minister to choose one, including reducing the maximum amortization on mortgages to 25 years from 30 or hiking the minimum down payment to seven per cent from five.

Capital Economics analyst David Madani believes it may already be too late to tighten mortgages and that house prices are due to start falling.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty
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WORKSHOPS AT COME AS YOU ARE WITH SUSIE BRIGHT

URBAN COMPASS
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Many parents have likely not even heard of the term sex-positive parenting, but it's an approach that's been around for decades, and is one that self-proclaimed activist and erotic forencist Susie Bright will be sharing at a special workshop series next week at Toronto's worker-owned sex toy store Come as You Are.

"I remember my mother telling me that she would never let me grow up thinking that my period was a 'curse,'" says the award-winning author, when asked to define the term.

"At the same time, my mom was too embarrassed to talk about "where babies come from." She left a book on my pillow — to do the talking for her."

Erotic memoir writing

"Autobiography will inevitably bring up sex, — I just spend a little more time thinking creatively about it."

Susie Bright, sex activist and author of Big Sex, Little Death

Bright says it's the effort, however awkward, that matters: "She tried! Education makes all the difference."

Bright will be sharing her experiences and expertise in three workshops, two on sex-positive parenting (March 27 and 28), and the other on erotic memoir writing (March 27). All workshops draw on the experiences detailed in her latest book, Big Sex, Little Death.

"Sex-positive could mean laughing instead of panicking when you're confronted with sexual surprises. You relax because you know you can find the answers, and that you have the time to figure it out together," says Bright.

The potential benefits of this openness? "We would've spoken up when we encountered abuse. We would've known not to keep ugly secrets ... we would have spared ourselves some of the self-destructive antics that went along with not accepting our sexual maturity."

It's been 20 years since Bright last visited Toronto, and it's been a busy two decades. She started the Best American Erotica series, was involved on and off-screen with many films, including Celluloid Closet and Bound, and started an audio show about sex, all the while continuing her work as a political sex and erotic critic.

She'll be sharing her tools of creative expression at the erotic memoir writing workshop.

"It's fun, it's self-revealing, and it takes considerable writing chops and close observation," says Bright. "Autobiography will inevitably bring up sex — I just spend a little time thinking creatively about it."

Both workshops promise to be eye-opening, for newbies and long-time Bright fans alike.

"There's always a sigh at the end of our meeting, where everyone looks at each other simultaneously and says, 'How come no one talks about this? This was incredible!'"

For more information, visit Comeasyouare.com.

Author and sex activist Susie Bright. JASON GANWICH FOR METRO

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Exotic brew

Businessman selling tea grown in panda poo

A girl holds up tea leaves collected from a tea plantation in Ya'an, in southwest China's Sichuan province Saturday.

Businessman An Yanshi is promoting the green tea, which he fertilized with panda droppings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Panda-ing to tea lovers

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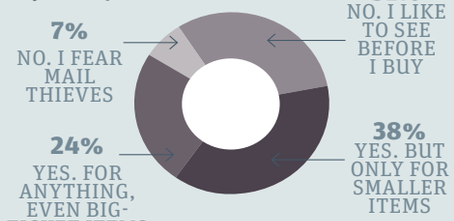

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Actor Benjamin Walker says the makeup and training was intense for Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. HANDOUT

Benjamin Walker gets a crash course in stardom

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. Actor playing America's 16th president is still getting used to press tours and conventions

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

As the title character in the movie Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter, which comes out in June, Benjamin Walker is getting something of a crash course in the publicity side of show business. The Juilliard-trained, Broadway-seasoned actor dons the stovepipe hat — and grabs an axe — to show a different side to America's 16th president. And he's loving every minute of it.

You don't have a lot of experience with press tours and conventions just yet, do you?
No, this is intense. I'm learning. Frankly, this is my full-time job. It's so strange because making the movie I thought would be a full-time job. Selling the movie is a full-time job. Talking about it.

How have the questions been?
They've been good. I think people are genuinely curious. They don't have to manufacture curiosity about this project because it's kind of out there.

It's all in the title, really.
Exactly. But I don't think people believe we're really taking it seriously. They're like, "So it's a comedy?" I'm like, "No, it's a period movie about Lincoln." When the first trailer came out, it kind of changed perceptions. We're not playing around.

You did your fair share for this film, between training and makeup.
Yeah, they kicked my ass, man. The makeup was six hours a day. And then you go to work. Then there's your 18-hour work day.

Are you allowed to sleep in the makeup chair?
I can't, because it's so uncomfortable. But what we did do was we rigged up a little flat-screen TV and watched three movies a sitting. And I got to watch all the movies I should've seen. Like we worked our way through Kurosawa. It was kind of amazing. And naturally the makeup guys were really into fantasy and special effects, and they showed me a bunch of great special effects movies. I got the history of special effects. And we also watch all the vampire movies ever made.

How was working with Timur Bekmambetov, your director on this film?
He's just a straight-shooter, man. "This is what it is, this is what we're making, buckle up." He's remarkable. He's like a professional six-year-old who has these fantastical ideas just out of nowhere. You never knew what you were going to be shooting on the day, and I love that. It was really kind of guerilla imagination work. You had the structure of Lincoln's life — we're really not playing with the events of his life. And Timur's so visually good. We'd do something 30 or 50 takes and I'm going, "What the f— is the problem?" And then he'd show me the dailies and it'd be, "Oh, that's why you did it? Do another 100. Do it until you get it." It's one thing to have a cool shot, but he has cool shots that are augmenting the story, that give you a perspective on what's happening ... and to me that's the goal.

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Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt learns about what it takes to be Bruce Willis

Looper. Gordon-Levitt plays a young Willis in sci-fi film with a time travel twist. How he channelled the iconic actor.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt says he had a lot of fun studying the mannerisms of Bruce Willis for Looper. HANDOUT

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Metro World News in Hollywood

After first teaming up on the high school noir Brick, actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt and writer-director Rian Johnson are back together for the mind-bending science-fiction flick Looper. Gordon-Levitt stars as a man who works as a time travel-assisted hit man for the mob who one day is confronted with a challenging target: his older self, played by Bruce Willis. While the film doesn't reach theatres until September, the pair hit WonderCon, in Anaheim, Calif., to begin the careful campaign of building interest in their new film.

You're bringing a movie like this to WonderCon, but obviously you don't want to give away too much about it. What's the fine line you walk to generate interest without giving too much away?

Rian Johnson: We were just having this conversation on the elevator, so we'll test it out on you. I don't know, it's weird because when you first start talking about a movie you have to figure out what to say and what to not say — especially with something like this. We're showing the first teaser trailer here and releasing a photo, and one of the big elements of the movie is how we made Joe into a younger version of Bruce Willis. I feel like that's kind of the first big thing we're showing people, how we attempted that. The two big elements of that were makeup and Joe's performance.

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How much of a challenge was that for you, Joe, being turned into a young Bruce Willis?

Joseph Gordon-Levitt: It's kind of a dream. One of the things — if not the thing — I love about acting is becoming somebody else, and when you literally change your face that's a transition that's different from any other performance that I've ever done in my life. So there was the makeup, and then also just hanging around with Bruce, getting to know him, watching his movies and studying them, listening to his voice on my iPod all the time, developing that character. It was really fun.

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Hot summer in store for moviegoers

WonderCon. There's plenty of tantalizing tidbits to take home from weekend event

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MWN in Hollywood

Logan Marshall-Green, left, Noomi Rapace, and Michael Fassbender explore a planet in Prometheus. HANDOUT

The summer movie season is fast approaching, and with that in mind the big Hollywood studios headed to WonderCon — the little brother to July's monster San Diego Comic-Con — to show off some of their coming attractions. Here's what we learned about some of the biggest films offering up teases this weekend.

Prometheus

It's not a prequel, for real:
While Ridley Scott's Prometheus has long been hinted at as having connections to his classic Alien and the films that followed it, Scott and writer Damon Lindelof are making the rounds to explain that this is not, in fact, a prequel.

"This word prequel was the elephant in the room and had to be discussed," Lindelof says. "Normally that's the definition of a prequel, is that it precedes the other movies. So the Star Wars prequels are going to end with Darth Vader going, 'Noooo!' Unfortunately. And there's an inevitability to watching a prequel of going, 'If the end of this movie is just going to be the room that John Hurt walks into that's full of eggs, there's nothing interesting in that.'"

Michael Fassbender is playing an android:
Artificial humans are an important part of the universe of the Alien films, and that's no different in Prometheus, Scott revealed while discussing Fassbender's character, David.

"There's nothing new about an android, there's nothing new about a robot. In fact, it's 100 years old, that idea," Scott says. "In a sense he's not just a butler, he's housekeeper, maintenance man, everything."

The fact that Fassbender is playing essentially a manufactured product brought up other notions as well, according to Lindelof. "David is mass-produced, so there's 20,000 other David units out there who look exactly like Michael Fassbender. What a wonderful world that would be, wouldn't it?"

Snow White and the Huntsman

Kristen Stewart is still a hit with convention audiences:
"It was fun. It was nice to arrive with someone like Kristen as a little secret," says director Rupert Sanders, who surprised the WonderCon panel with an appearance by Stewart.

"Outside of Twilight — which everyone thinks she actually is Bella for some reason — she's such a good actor and she encompassed that role so well that people think that's how she is. And when you meet Kristen, she's so far away from that character."

There will be blood:
"It's its own story. If there's a desire for people to want to continue with those characters — I think there will be, they're such great characters, they're well-played," Sanders say on the topic of a possible sequel to the fairy tale film. "A couple of people end up dead, so I'd have to fill those shoes."

The Amazing Spider-Man

They're taking a decidedly literary approach:
"We had to define ourselves," director Marc Webb says of restarting the franchise. "Doing a movie like this, it's like a sonnet. There's a form that you have to adhere to, to a certain degree, but there's enormous flexibility within those barriers and within those restrictions. In terms of fan expectations, there's such a variety that you can't really pick and choose."

Geeks are picky about hair colour:
Emma Stone, who stars as Peter Parker's love interest Gwen Stacey, admits she was completely caught off guard by how much Spider-Man fans criticized her casting based purely on her hair. "I'm blond. I mean, my actual hair is blond. I dye it red usually. It's incredible how much people care about hair and ask about hair," Stone says. "In the comics she's got really, really light blond hair. With the costumes and the look of the makeup, you want to try to bring that character to life."

The John Carter effect

- With his potential summer blockbuster Battleship banking on John Carter star Taylor Kitsch, naturally director Peter Berg is more than a little interested in how poorly the film has been performing at the box office. "I think John Carter, if anything, suffered from marketing challenges," Berg says. "The way in which a film loses its ability to find an audience is very complicated. They had some bad things happen on that film and regime changes (at the studio, Disney). I think you have to really listen to your audience. We're talking about marketing a film, which is different from making a film. It's much harder now to figure out who to talk to and how to adjust a message and how to get a new message out. I just really hope John Carter makes some money back overseas."

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Television. HBO axes horse racing drama Luck

John Ortiz is pictured in a scene from the HBO original series Luck. HANDOUT

Horse racing has long withstood the deaths of its skittish, injury-prone thoroughbreds. Hollywood proved it lacks the stomach for it.

HBO abruptly cancelled its racetrack drama series Luck this past week after three horses used in the production were injured and euthanized during 10 months of filming in the last two years.

The abrupt fall of Luck, which will end its single-season run on March 25, reveals the chasm between the racing and entertainment industries.

At the track, a horse puts its life on the line so gamblers can stake $2 US or more to win, place or show, with the industry and fans accepting the danger to animals and jockeys as a harsh part of the bargain.

With movies and TV, which offer the on-screen vow that "no animals were harmed" in the making of make-believe, consumers have scant tolerance for harm to any creature great or small.

"More people are pet owners than ever before. More people have access to information about animals ... and care more about them," said Karen Rosas, senior vice-president of the American Humane Association's TV and film unit that monitors animal safety for more than 2,000 productions annually.

During the past five years, the association encountered only one horse death outside of Luck, on the 2007 movie 3:10 to Yuma, Rosas said. Losing three horses on a single project was "unprecedented," she added.

The racing world stands in sharp contrast in both the measure of loss and reaction to it.

Two horses died in Britain's Grand National steeplechase meet last year, and four the year before, but the April event will proceed as it has since the 1830s. The 2008 Kentucky Derby euthanasia of a captivating filly, Eight Belles, clouded but didn't derail the event that marks its 137th running in May.

In U.S. racing, there's approximately one horse fatality per 500 starts, according to Dr. Rick Arthur, medical director of the California Horse Racing Board. He cited the Equine Industry Database posted online by The Jockey Club, which supports thoroughbred breeding and racing.

Luck filmed some 2,500 racing sequences, most a few slow, staged furlongs rather than all-out contests, Arthur said, citing estimated figures from HBO. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'prom queen' reigns with dance

Music. Santigold displays complete career takeover as she debuts new songs at SXSW

Santigold performs at a party during the SXSW Music Festival in Texas last week. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Santigold remade South By Southwest into an eccentric dance party on Friday, turning the annual music conference and festival into a participatory event for some of her lucky fans.

The delightfully uncategorizable singer from Brooklyn pulled 17 fans on stage and invited them to dance to her upbeat anthem Creator at the SPIN Live Party at Stubb's Barbecue.

Santi White debuted songs from her new album, the appropriately titled Master of My Make Believe, out May 1, and displayed her unique sense of style as she took the stage with a band dressed in Egyptian-inspired headdresses and necklaces and backup dancers who moved robotically throughout. White, dubbed the prom queen of SXSW by one music writer, wore a crown, sunglasses and kaleidoscopic outfit.

It was just one of a handful of colourful high-profile appearances for the critically acclaimed White, who also had a starring role at MTV's Woodie Awards on Thursday.

The shows were the first that displayed her almost total takeover of her own career, from heavy production work on the new album to all the small details that make up her act.

"I'm really interested in making art all over the place in so many ways," White said in an interview Thursday before her appearance at The Woodies. "That's why I'm so hands-on with so many different aspects. I do my music, but I also do choreography and design the costumes and direct my video because that's fun to me. The more things I can get my hands on, the more fun for me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I was working with so many people, but at the end of the day I was the one who had to glue it all together and actually make it work."

Santigold on making her new album

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Film

Sarah Polley gets a thumbs up from Atwood

Margaret Atwood says plans to adapt her novel Alias Grace for the big screen are in good hands with actress-turned-director Sarah Polley. The Booker Prize-winning author says Polley has already completed an outline for the script and is "passionately devoted to the project."

Atwood says the two have had long conversations about the story and that the Oscar-nominated filmmaker has wanted to tackle the Canadian crime tale since she was 18.

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Reality TV. Bravo's Jeff Lewis takes interior design to a new level

Fans of Bravo's Flipping Out know that designer Jeff Lewis makes good TV. He's blunt, set in his ways and obsessive-compulsive.

Now Lewis has a new show, Interior Therapy With Jeff Lewis, which premiered Wednesday, where he moves into people's homes to redo their spaces. He does it with the help of assistant Jenni Pulos and housekeeper Zoila Chavez.

In a recent interview, Lewis and Pulos talked about their upcoming project.

How's the new show?

Lewis: It was a lot more grueling and emotionally draining than I ever anticipated. It was a really, really tough shoot. We did a lot of good for people. We weren't able to reach them all but we did help some families and that was rewarding, especially families that we really grew to care about. This is a little softer side of Jeff Lewis. When you're living with someone for five days ... you develop an attachment. I would say there are a good five out of 10 families that I developed an attachment for. There were a few families I couldn't wait to leave.

How does Interior Therapy differ from other home renovation shows?

Lewis: These home makeover shows are not completely honest because you think they go in on day one and make the decision in 60 minutes what they're gonna do. No. It's been prepped. They've been prepping it for weeks and weeks and weeks. ... We were such an unorganized mess.

You had to essentially live together. How did that affect your relationship?

Pulos: In this case, we were both on one side and trying to help a family that was either against each other or against us.

Lewis: I may not do this again. It was really that taxing, and if I don't, I can look at the fact that we changed these five families' lives and Jenni and I became closer together and it really strengthened our relationship.

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It's a Brad, Brad World and we're all just living in it

Stylist to the stars.

Ontario native Brad Goreski dishes on what life as a stylist is really like and why he's such a hot commodity

From styling Barbies to getting decked out as Madonna for Halloween, it was evident from childhood that Brad Goreski had a penchant for playing dress-up.

The Port Perry, Ont., native now makes a living playing fashionable fairy godfather to the modern-day belles of the ball: Hollywood stars hitting the red carpet.

After landing an internship and later working at Vogue magazine, Goreski eventually ended up as an assistant to Rachel Zoe. He was also featured on the celebrity stylist's reality series The Rachel Zoe Project and now stars in his own show: It's a Brad, Brad World.

Since parting ways with Zoe, Goreski has faced countless questions about a feud between the pair, after his former boss accused him of ditching her right before the Oscars and trying to steal her clients when he struck out on his own in 2010.

He has denied both accusations in the past.

"How am I dealing with it? I have no comment about it. That's how I'm putting it to rest. I wish her all the best," he told The Associated Press during New York Fashion Week last month.

Since branching out, the bespectacled, bow tie-sporting Goreski is assembling his own celebrity client roster.

He helped dress a number of stars during awards season, including Bridesmaids star and Saturday Night Live alum Maya Rudolph for the Oscars and Jessica Alba for the Golden Globes. Swedish actress Noomi Rapace and Pan Am star Christina Ricci are also clients, and Goreski has also landed a gig styling for Kate Spade New York.

"I get excited walking my clients to the car and putting them in their cars when they go off to the carpet.

"It's such a beautiful thing for me," Goreski said in a recent interview with The Canadian Press.

"I always have that flashback to being a kid in my room in Port Perry looking through fashion magazines. Now I'm getting custom gowns from Gucci and putting them on beautiful women and millions of dollars worth of diamonds. It's a fantasy come true."

While putting his fashionable imprint on the red carpet, Goreski is earning recognition in his own right.

The Los Angeles-based stylist recently returned to Canada earlier this year for an appearance at a Target pop-up shop in Toronto.

He also served as a February guest editor for On The Dot, the U.S. discount retailer's online magazine, creating videos and offering style tips on assembling looks from their collection.

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Fashion tips

Here are a few of Brad's tips for this spring.

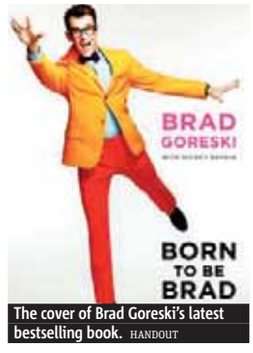
- **WOMEN:**

  From vibrant hues to florals, Goreski said prints are big for the new season. "What we're seeing for spring is a return to the lady. There's a lot of romanticism, lot of chiffon, lot of flowy fabrics, pastels; and I think that it's a return to feminine dressing, but also with a bit of sexiness to it," he said.

- **MEN:**

  Goreski said colour is one of the big trends for the new season, and guys shouldn't shy away from incorporating it within their spring wardrobe. "It can be as simple as a belt, it can be a pair of socks, it can be a bow tie, a different coloured shirt – instead of wearing a white shirt wear a blue shirt," he said. "I think for guys, too, just kind of kicking it up a little bit, just putting that extra little bit of thought into what you're wearing because the resources are there now."

Stylist Brad Goreski attends the Prabal Gurung Fall 2012 show during Fashion Week in New York in February. DONALD TRAILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Hollywood's new, secret romances

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Who's been in Hollywood, K-I-S-S-I-N-G?

Well, if you look towards the Chateau Marmont, you'll find a lot of new, smooching couples.

First up? Sources say Jason Segel has been quietly dating My Week with Marilyn star Michelle Williams for about a month, according to Us Weekly.

The pair reportedly first got acquainted during a four-hour date at the Chateau Marmont late last month.

"They were super giggly," a source says of Segel and Williams, who were briefly joined by her pal Busy Phillips that evening. Segel is keeping mum on the news, saying only, "I don't comment on my personal life these days."

And Cameron Diaz and Jude Law apparently also turned heads recently at the Chateau Marmont as well, when they reportedly were spotted making out on the patio, according to Hollyscoop.

Witnesses say Law picked up a $400 bar tab before the two headed to one of the bar's private bungalows.

But that apparently wasn't private enough, as another patron is said to have shouted, "Get a room" at the pair, who left shortly after.

Michelle Williams

Jason Segel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

George Clooney

Post-arrest: Clooney embraces his activist street cred

George Clooney is taking his recent arrest in stride.

"It's on my permanent record. And you know that picture's going to be all over everything," the actor and activist said during a press conference after his release.

Clooney was arrested for assembling outside the Sudanese embassy in Washington, D.C.

"Listen, what we've been trying to achieve today is we're trying to bring attention to an ongoing emergency," he said.

"You never know if you're going to accomplish anything, all we're trying to do is bring attention to a moment. We hope this brings attention to it."

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith

Did Biebs over-imbibe with Selena and his grandparents?

Justin Bieber and girlfriend Selena Gomez reportedly had a bit of a rough night out in Florida after drinking too much at a sports bar before getting into an argument, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

"Justin stormed out of the bar and Selena chased him to the car," a source says.

"His security team drove them down the street to an alley where they had a private conversation. They then returned to the restaurant and upon leaving they all seemed like they had a little too much to drink even though they aren't old enough to drink."

But the bar's owner, Mark Ferguson, insists that while Bieber's grandparents were drinking, the young stars were not.

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez

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New Macy Gray Cd really good. But why does music depress me so much? Bianca at my feet snoring and I get sad that she's so old.

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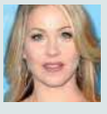

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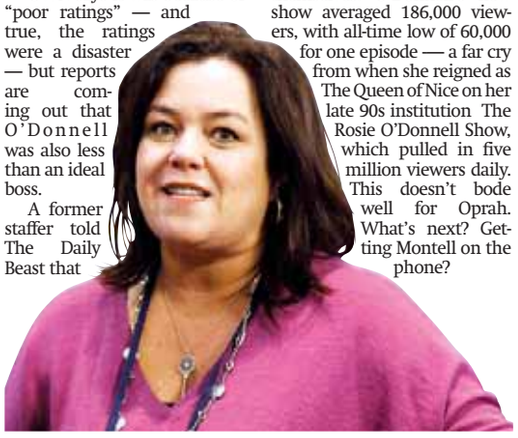
Rosie O'Donnell and Oprah break up

Well, that was quick: On Friday, Oprah Winfrey's OWN network cancelled Rosie O'Donnell's The Rosie Show after only six months on air.

OWN says it was because of "poor ratings" — and true, the ratings were a disaster — but reports are coming out that O'Donnell was also less than an ideal boss.

A former staffer told The Daily Beast that the show "was a f-cking hellhole," and partially blamed O'Donnell's management style for its demise.

The numbers speak for themselves: O'Donnell's new show averaged 186,000 viewers, with all-time low of 60,000 for one episode — a far cry from when she reigned as The Queen of Nice on her late 90s institution The Rosie O'Donnell Show, which pulled in five million viewers daily. This doesn't bode well for Oprah. What's next? Getting Montell on the phone?



Problems? What problems?

Fighting off rumours of marital strife, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith showed up with their kids at the Miami Heat vs. the Philadelphia 76ers game at Wachovia Center on Friday night in Philadelphia. Cheese steaks cure all — even impending divorce rumours.

Charlize on motherhood

Charlize Theron is getting used to being a mom now that her 4-month-old adopted son is in her life, and so far so good, she tells Ryan Seacrest during an interview.

"I didn't think I would be a fan of the swaddling, but the swaddling is pretty amazing. It sort of looks a bit like a straightjacket — you're like, 'Is this child abuse?' But for some reason they just love it."

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Pregnancy & Chickenpox

New guidelines

New guidelines suggest women who are thinking about getting pregnant or who become pregnant should know whether they are immune to chickenpox.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada says pregnant women or women planning to conceive need to know their immunity status because of the risk the chickenpox virus poses both to them and their fetus during pregnancy.

The guidelines say pregnant women who have an hour or more of exposure to someone with chickenpox should inform their health-care provider.

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On the Web

Look who's talking about Sasha, Malia. It's Dad, keeping them in the conversation.

The majority of Canadian Internet users look up medical info. ISTOCK

Internet advice is not meant to replace your doc

Medicine. Think twice before diagnosing yourself or your children with a Google search

When Melodie Moore was recovering from a broken heart and wondering why her relationship had soured, Dr. Google had the answer: borderline personality disorder.

"I wanted to know what was wrong with me, that this boy didn't want to be with me," said the 22-year-old from Markham, Ont. Soon she had diagnosed herself with several ailments, including BPD and narcissistic personality disorder.

Moore was reading about personality disorders in preparation for her psychology studies. She hopes to begin an undergraduate degree at Trent University this fall.

"We live in the information age, but information can be a catch-22," said Moore. "It can be helpful, but the analytical side of us can also overthink things."

Moore is experiencing what Oakville psychiatrist Dr. Kenny Handelman calls "medical school syndrome." It's what happens to first-year med students when they start studying various diseases. Suddenly a simple headache becomes a brain tumour, a rash morphs into flesh-eating disease.

But with the wealth of medical information now available to all of us at the click of a mouse, it's not just medical students and hypochondriacs who are likely to panic. More and more Canadians are going online to play doctor — and some are even replacing visits to the clinic with Google searches.

At sites like webmd.com, users can enter their symptoms and have the site generate a diagnosis for them.

Having access to all this information is, generally speaking, a positive thing. It certainly can help us detect problems sooner. It can also be helpful coming in to the doctor's office well-informed to improve the quality of care that patients receive, said Handelman. "They can be active participants in their health care."

Guy-Justin Lowe, a 25-year-old customer service representative in Toronto, started using Google and webmd.com to take control of his health care when he felt like the answers he was getting from his doctor were too vague.

"I wouldn't say that I'm a hypochondriac, but I have used the Internet before seeing him sometimes just so that I get a general idea of what might be wrong with me," said Lowe.

But the Internet has also been known to incite panic, especially in people who are anxious about their health. This phenomenon has become so widespread that the term "cyberchondria" has been coined to describe it.

According to Statistics Canada, about 70 per cent of Canadian Internet users looked up medical information in 2009. That's up from 59 per cent in 2007.

Judy Thompson, a family practitioner at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto, says it isn't just the young, tech-savvy generation of Canadians who are going online to diagnose their problems.

"Believe it or not, the Internet is very much as big an issue for some of my 60- to 70-year-olds as it is for the younger generation," said Thompson.

The trouble, she adds, is that patients can be led astray by incorrect information.

"We're not discouraging people from reading the Internet, but one of the things I try to do in my practice is try to point them towards helpful sites like fpnotebook.com or familydoctor.org," said Thompson. "The Internet is meant to supplement your health care. It's not meant to replace your health-care provider."

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Online diagnosis

"People may find reports online that lead them to believe they have more significant medical issues than they actually do."

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Get a bite of the healthy goodness packed into this legume

This recipe makes 32 Lentil Balls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish Red Lentil Balls. The slight crunch of bulgur wheat compliments the smooth texture of the lentils in this dish

1 In a saucepan, bring 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) of water to boil. Add lentils and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes or until soft. Mix in bulgur, cover pot and remove from heat. Let mixture rest for 15 minutes or until residual liquid is absorbed by bulgur.

2 Meanwhile, in a skillet heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté 8 mins. or until soft and translucent. Stir in harissa and cumin; cook, stirring constantly, 2 mins. Transfer to a mixing bowl; set aside.

3 Once lentils and bulgur are cooked, add to onion mix along with most of the green onions and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and mix well to form a thick dough.

4 Keeping hands wet, mould about 15 ml (1 heaping tbsp) of the lentil mix into football-shaped balls. Place each ball in one of the lettuce pieces and arrange on a serving platter. Garnish with remaining green onions and parsley and drizzle with additional olive oil. Serve with lemon wedges to squeeze over before eating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) uncooked red lentils, rinsed and drained
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fine bulgur, uncooked
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) harissa (red chili) paste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground cumin
- 3 green onions, finely sliced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- Black pepper
- Boston lettuce, torn into 30 pieces
- Lemon wedges

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The rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the exact same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. And with so many insurance companies providing car insurance in Ontario, odds are you are not currently insured with the company that offers the best rate for your driving profile. Insurance quoting sites like InsuranceHotline.com can help by providing an independent, unbiased rate comparison from its network of over 30 insurance companies to find you a lower rate available for your profile.

Sadly, the misguided fear of repercussions from their current insurer is what keeps many consumers from taking action and shopping around. The truth is that your insurance company has no way of knowing if you are shopping around for a better rate. In fact, even if they did know you were checking out your options, you cannot be penalized in any way for trying to find a better deal. So don't let loyalty get in your way of shopping for a lower insurance rate.

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Ruth's story

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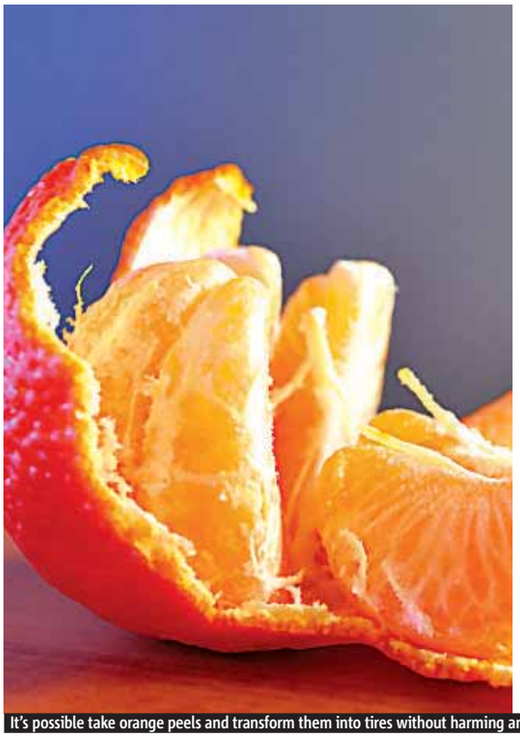

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Putting eco-solutions on the road by making tires from orange peels

Orange oil now being used to create green tires. Without a drop in safety, these tires are the new solution for the eco-conscious

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Orange peel: a zesty addition to baking, and something that ends up in your green box.

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"When orange oil combines with those natural and synthetic rubbers, the tire is much more responsive, and adheres to the road surface more efficiently," de Chavez explains.

"That's how we're able to provide the mileage and tread-wear benefits of the product, in addition to the improved grip levels."

There's no drop in safety, either — and the tires are competitively priced.

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De Chavez says consumer interest has been encouraging.

"For most consumers, tires are just black and round and made of rubber. The fact that there is orange in this tire seems to really peak their interest. People are definitely gearing more toward environmentally friendly products for all consumer goods, across the board — tires included."

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"It's step-by-step in this industry. By doing this now, Yokohama is setting up for tomorrow," he says.

"We're confident that we'll see increased improvements in our technology to take this orange oil and reduction of petroleum to the next level."

The tires were rolled out March 1, and are available throughout North America.

Queen of Green

Caring for your health

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Lindsay Coulter
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I work in a nursing home and the chemicals we use to clean and disinfect make some staff sick. Are there cleaners that a health-care facility can use safely?
Donna of Vancouver

Yes!

Health-care facilities must meet cleanliness standards that are often higher than those we follow at home. For example, most doctors will tell you to wash with soap and water only — avoid antibacterial products like those with triclosan.

In fact, the Canadian Medical Association is calling on the federal government to ban all anti-bacterial household products because of fears they cause bacterial resistance.

I recommend you contact the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care and search their green products and services directory at greenhealthcare.ca.

They have reviewed cleaning products used in places like hospitals and offer recommendations for greener choices. Each organization, product and service listed in the directory has in some way distinguished itself as "green."

Note: The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care cannot independently verify the environmental qualities of each product and service. However, they offer a We Support Green Health Care logo, which signifies that the provider is a founding partner of the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care. Also, a Third Party Certification logo indicates that the product/service has achieved a third-party environmental certification. Finally, the ChemTRAC logo indicates that the product uses safer chemicals and does not contain or release any of the 25 chemicals tracked by the City of Toronto's ChemTRAC program.

Cynthia and David Enns chose wine country over the Wall Street hustle. PROVIDED

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TURNING POINT
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Labour of love. Meet a couple who left their power suits behind in pursuit of a better quality of life

Cynthia and David Enns gave up their lucrative investment careers to follow a passion for making wine. They got their humble start in a friend's Vancouver garage.

"I thought I would be the laughing stock of the neighbourhood if I spent $25,000 on equipment and didn't come up with a good wine," says David.

The Enns didn't disappoint and after a stint in wine making school and a world wide search for the perfect place to start their winery, they settled in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley.

Nine years later they are turning a profit and their Laughing Stock wines are winning numerous awards.

Their humour and love of life are obvious when you talk to the couple. They are also a good team, with David making the wine and Cynthia watching the bottom line.

"I'm good with a spreadsheet but I'm also not afraid to get my hands dirty in the vineyard," says Cynthia.

Although they call the winery their "vow of poverty" they would never go back to the corporate world.

"I'm never putting on a suit again," David says with a laugh. "Besides, I've burnt all my ties."

Grape advice

"If life was all about being sensible, then great things in this world such as fabulous wine just wouldn't come to be."
Cynthia and David Enns, owners of Laughing Stock Vineyards

Drink in the day

Two entrepreneurs share their best business secrets:

- Have a business plan and learn how to sell.
- Do what you do best and be passionate about what you're doing.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. We hired consultants because we're not going to pretend that we know it all.
- Be well capitalized. The power of leverage is amazing if you can match your borrowing with the outcome of your business.
- If life was all about being sensible, then great things in this world, such as fabulous wine, just wouldn't come to be.

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Breaking through the boundaries

A moving story. Luca Patuelli's dynamic breakdancing program is teaching youth to live without limitations

Luca Patuelli's students form a semi-circle in the classroom at Joseph-Charbonneau Secondary School, most of them leaning on crutches or sitting in wheelchairs. Patuelli pulls himself into the group supported by a pair of crutches. Then the music starts and the room is an explosion of movement.

Patuelli, known worldwide as Bboy Lazylegz, launches into a series of dynamic breakdance steps, at one point flinging his crutches aside. His charges rock along on the sidelines until one by one he turns the floor over to them and they step up to execute their own intricate moves.

Their heads rock with streetwise hip-hop breakdancer attitude. One spins and does a move where he lifts himself up on his hands and supports himself in the air, looking like Superman in flight.

The lunch hour activity at the school and readaptation centre puts a whole new slant on independent living for the disabled, an issue growing in Canada for the last quarter-century.

"What's been amazing about this program is it started off as a breakdancing class and now we've realized it's more like a life confidence-building class," Patuelli said in an interview before getting things underway, marvelling at the improvement he's seen since he started the class in November 2008.

"I have stories about some students who are literally getting out of their wheelchairs to dance and they're learning to walk. Other dancers are becoming a lot more independent."

Patuelli, who suffers from a rare bone and joint disorder known as arthrogryposis, has been a dancer for about 10 years now, since he was 15. He's been a professional breakdancer for about seven years.

He's been on crutches since he was three, was diagnosed with severe scoliosis when he was eight and has had 16 surgeries, including one where eight of his vertebrae were fused and titanium rods were inserted.

"What we try to do through our resources is to help them feel empowered, to see themselves as a whole," says Luca Patuelli, seen here on the right.

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"The idea is to really help these students be able to become more independent and not to rely on other people to help them," Patuelli said of the class. "If they want to do something, they can do it themselves. Yes, assistance is there to help you, but you have to go out and get it."

Deborah Kennard, the chairperson of Independent Living Montreal, knew Patuelli through the positive message he sends with his performing and motivational speaking. She called his class "wonderful" when she heard about it.

Kennard was born with spinal muscle atrophy and gets around in a semi-reclined wheelchair. Her organization, which is part of the Independent Living Canada network, works to provide resources and information to the disabled to help them overcome society's obstacles.

"We help people acquire skills and we try and set up resources that are lacking," she said.

"We just need to have the same opportunities as everyone else," she said. "Often it can be attitudes or stares or all kinds of barriers — economic, political, architectural and attitudinal — that get in the way. Once those are diminished, then people have lived much more productive and fulfilling lives."

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World wonder

Patuelli has developed an international following:

- He was one of the acts in the opening ceremonies for the 2010 Paralympic Games.
- As part of the Canadian breakdance crew Illmatic Styles, he was featured on NBC's America's Got Talent.
- In 2007, he formed ILL-Abilities, an international group with disabled breakdancers from Canada, the U.S., Chile and Holland.
- Patuelli has also been featured on a host of TV shows, including NBC's Today Show and So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

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From Tanzania to Saskatoon: Shaping Dreams on the other side of the world

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Navrose Ratansi is the owner of a high definition video graphics company in Saskatoon.

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Navrose Ratansi built and operated a television studio for presidents of Tanzania. He designed and developed the podium that former U.S. president George W. Bush used for a news conference. He was in charge of a television station that was affiliated with CNN International.

Now, he has brought his broad range of skills to Saskatoon. By his admission, it is a long way from the State House in Tanzania to his new office on Third Avenue North, where he recently opened Shaping Dreams Productions.

"When you have children you always think about your children's future; you always try to do something better than your parents did for you and that was one of the reasons that brought me to Canada," Ratansi said in an interview.

"I have three children and I wanted to give them a better footing in life; that made me sacrifice what I used to do back home."

He is convinced the decision was the right one.

"I have seen the progress of my two daughters — one is in high school and one is in elementary school. I am very proud that my decision was the right decision." He and wife Shyrose Jivraj also have a four-year-old son.

Leaving family, friends and his community was difficult, he admits.

"To achieve something, sometimes you sacrifice something. That's what we are doing, and we are OK with that."

Ratansi and his wife came to Saskatchewan in 2010 to see what the province had to offer.

"We travelled around most of Saskatchewan and eventually decided Saskatoon would be the place we would like to be because it is the business hub."

Ratansi opened Shaping Dreams Productions, a high definition video graphics company, in January.

"Times are a little tough, but I am sure in the future it will be a better forecast. We had enough finances to say, 'This is what I love to do; this is what we do back home. If we can do the same thing back home, why couldn't we do it here?'"

Shaping Dreams Productions offers an array of services, including design of home theatres, making documentaries and commercials and producing training videos for local companies.

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Accomplishments

Sending out the story

Now in the media industry for 20 years, Ratansi was responsible for the station that was integrated with CNN when the United States Embassy was bombed in 1998, leaving more than 200 people dead.

"We put that story out within 15 minutes."

While proud of his accomplishments, Ratansi doesn't see it as anything special.

"It was fascinating to somebody that has never seen it before and hasn't experienced it, but for a person like me, it was a job I had to do. That is how I saw it.

"I never saw it as something that I was doing was extraordinary."

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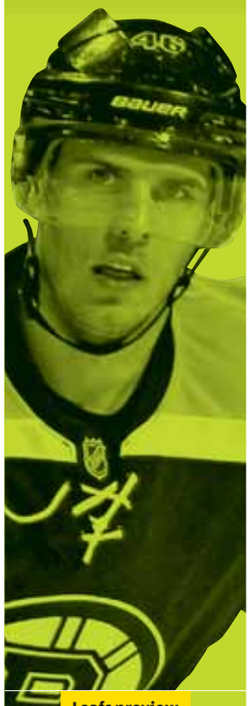

Leafs preview

Toronto at Boston 7 p.m. (Sportsnet Ontario)

The Maple Leafs (32-32-8) travel to Boston (41-27-3), which snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-2 shootout win over Philadelphia on Saturday. Tyler Seguin scored his first goal in six games in the win. Patrice Bergeron hasn't scored in 11 games. Tim Thomas reached 30 wins in a season for the fourth time in his career and has started 11 of the past 12 games for the Bruins. Zdeno Chara has seven assists in 10 games this month.
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Tennis

Federer tops Isner in California

Roger Federer defeated John Isner 7-6 (7), 6-3 to win his record fourth BNP Paribas Open title on Sunday in Indian Wells, Calif.

Victoria Azarenka routed Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 for the women's title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Bautista powers Jays to victory

Jose Bautista hit his third home run of spring training and Philadelphia's Cole Hamels gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Phillies 10-2 on Sunday.
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Jose Bautista
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NBA

Grizzlies to have look at Arenas as possible backup

Gilbert Arenas will work out Monday for the Memphis Grizzlies, who are looking to bolster their backup point-guard position.
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NHL

"Most of the time we've done some really good things. We just want to keep building off that."

Sidney Crosby, who was held scoreless in Sunday's 3-2 loss to the Flyers that halted the Penguins' 11-game winning streak.

Maple Leafs' Reimer picks himself up off the ground

NHL. Goalie's confidence on upswing after posting near shutouts against Lightning, Senators

Toronto's James Reimer stops a shot last Thursday in Tampa, Fla. BRIAN BLANCO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

James Reimer is too humble, even when the times are good, to accept any praise for a victory.

But he will say it comes as a great relief to have posted a couple of wins in a row after the mostly horrible season he's had this year.

"We love to play, we love to win and it's hard to have fun when you're losing," said Reimer after a workout Sunday on the campus of Boston University. "Winning is fun. We love to go out there and do our best. Winning is usually a reward for that.

"Its been tough getting our reward."

The losses, through February, piled up. Not just for the Maple Leafs, but for Reimer.

Where was the promise of last season? Where were the wins he was supposed to steal? Why wasn't he playing like he did when the season began? Is he the goalie who can take Toronto back to the playoffs?

All legitimate questions, none of which he cares to mull over at this moment, with 10 games to go in the season.

"I think my game has been talked about a lot," said Reimer. "I don't need to touch on anything much more. As a team we're playing really well. We're battling hard. We're really committed to defence right now.

"I'm just the benefactor back there."

But if two near shutouts mean anything at this juncture, it's a jolt of confidence through the Leaf locker-room.

"He was really steady and confident in net the last two games," said defenceman Mike Komisarek of matching 3-1 wins over Tampa Bay and Ottawa last week. "He's made key saves at key times in the game."

Any turn in goaltending fortunes can't come soon enough. The Leafs face the Boston Bruins on Monday, a team they've lost to five times this season. They've been outscored 28-10 by the defending Stanley Cup champions.

"If there is a team we owe, it's them," said Reimer. "They've obviously played well against us. We need to figure out a way to bring our game to them and make them match us. They're a good team but we want to keep winning."
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Miami meets with Smith after Manning snub

Alex Smith with the 49ers last season.
JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Even in the off-season, the Miami Dolphins' quarterback carousel keeps spinning.

After being spurned by Peyton Manning, the Dolphins had a brief, unproductive courtship with Matt Flynn, then turned their attention Sunday to Alex Smith, the San Francisco 49ers free agent.

Smith left the Miami complex after a 5 1/2-hour meeting. Dolphins officials declined to comment on any details about this visit.

The 49ers had been working to re-sign Smith but also went to North Carolina last Tuesday to watch Manning work out at Duke. Smith, the No. 1 overall 2005 draft pick, enjoyed his best season in 2011 under first-year 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh.

Smith and Manning have the same agent, Tom Condon.

Winless in the post-season since 2000, Miami made signing Manning their top priority, but he told them Thursday he would sign elsewhere.

They then courted Flynn, the former Green Bay Packers backup who had ties to new Dolphins coach Joe Philbin.

Miami planned another QB interview Monday, when they were to host veteran David Garrard, a person familiar with the negotiations said. The person confirmed the visit to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not publicly discussed its plans.

Garrard, a starter for Jacksonville from 2005 to 2010, didn't play last season. He was released five days before the opener by the Jaguars, then underwent back surgery in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pivots aplenty

17th

A new starting quarterback would be the Dolphins' 17th since Dan Marino retired after the 1999 season.

Flynn off the market

Matt Flynn visited Miami on Saturday, then agreed to terms Sunday on a three-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks.

- The move gives Seattle one of the most wanted — yet unproven — free agents. Flynn has been stuck behind All-Pro Aaron Rodgers in Green Bay.
- The terms of the deal were not released by the team, but ESPN.com reported that Flynn's deal is worth up to $24 million US.

Wolfpack upsets Hoyas

Lorenzo Brown of the North Carolina State Wolfpack goes for a loose ball against the Georgetown Hoyas in a Midwest Regional on Sunday. Brown hit three free throws in the final 10.6 seconds as North Carolina State conjured up its glorious tradition with a 66-63 upset of third-seeded Georgetown. The Wolfpack (24-12) advance to play the Purdue-Kansas winner on Friday in St. Louis. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

NCAA

Top-seeded Spartans edge Billikens

Draymond Green scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and set up Keith Appling's crucial three-pointer with 1:34 left, giving top-seeded Michigan State a 65-61 win over Saint Louis on Sunday and sending the Spartans to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament.

Michigan State will play No. 4 seed Louisville in the West Regional semifinals Thursday in Phoenix.

Appling added 19 points for the Spartans (29-7), who had to scrap their way past the ninth-seeded Billikens (26-8). Saint Louis controlled the tempo but never got a complete handle on Green, Michigan State's superb senior. He added six assists and even helped mop up sweat off the floor in the final minute.

Kwamain Mitchell scored 13 and Brian Conklin 11 for Saint Louis, back in the tournament for the first time since 2000.

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NCAA

Florida rolls over Norfolk State

Kenny Boynton scored 20 points and Florida routed Norfolk State to reach the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Norfolk State shook up the West Regional when it upset No. 2 seed Missouri 86-84 on Friday and was trying to become the first 15 seed to reach the round of 16.

Florida put a quick end to that idea, making five three-pointers during a 25-0 run that made it 29-6 midway through the first half.

The Gators (25-10) will play No. 3 seed Marquette on Thursday in Phoenix after their second straight runaway win.

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Kenny Boynton ERIC FRANCIS/GETTY IMAGES

NCAA

Tar Heels point guard injured in win

John Henson proved he's healthy enough to help North Carolina's latest push for the Final Four. It remains to be seen if Kendall Marshall will be able to help the Tar Heels.

Henson had 13 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks in his return from a wrist injury, but Marshall broke a bone in his right wrist during the second half of North Carolina's third-round victory over Creighton.

Coach Roy Williams confirmed the injury after the game, and said he would talk to Marshall and his parents about his status Sunday night. The point guard still finished with 18 points and 11 assists.

North Carolina got off to a fast start and built a 15-point lead in the first half, then kept control and pushed the margin to 19 after the break on the way to its second straight double-digit victory in the Midwest Regional.

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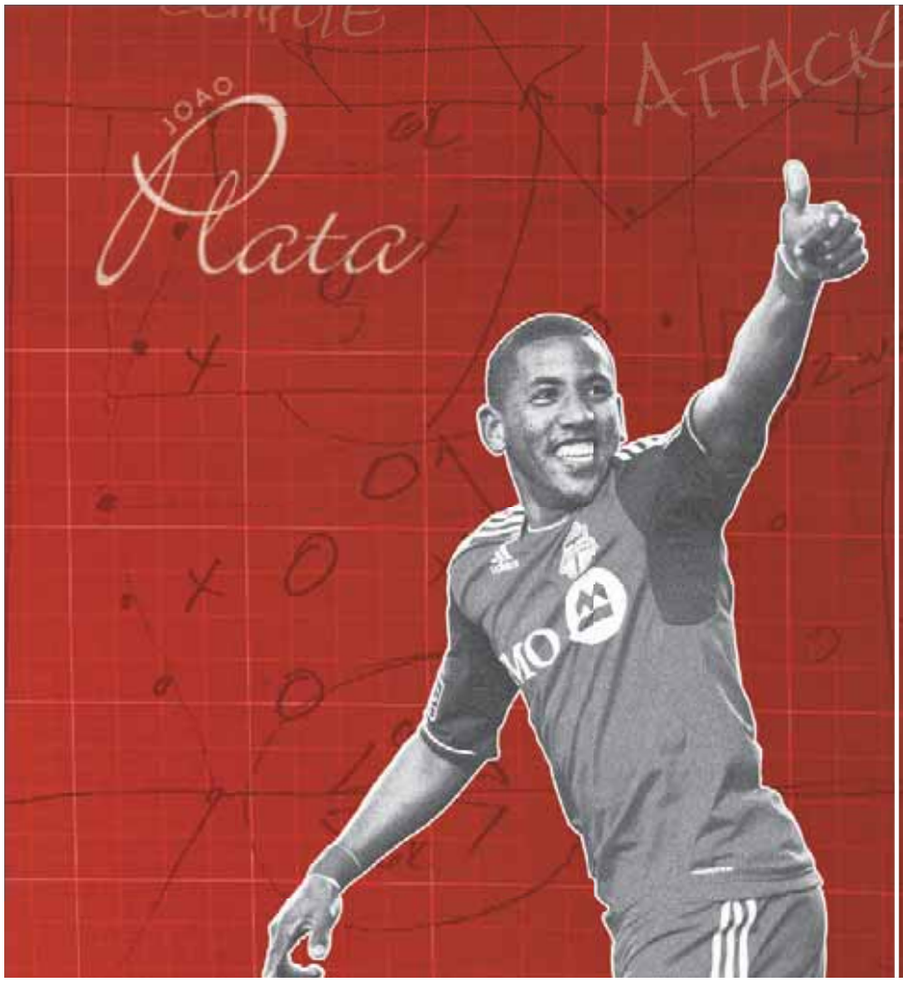

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	71	44	20	2	5	195	158	95	24-9-0-2	20-11-2-3	4-5-1-0	L2
d-Boston	71	41	27	1	2	228	178	85	21-13-1-1	20-14-0-1	4-6-0-0	W1
d-Florida	71	35	23	5	8	180	197	83	20-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	6-3-0-1	W4
Pittsburgh	71	44	21	3	3	231	180	94	24-8-2-0	20-13-1-3	9-0-1-0	L1
Philadelphia	72	42	22	2	6	231	204	92	19-10-1-4	23-12-1-2	8-1-0-1	W1
New Jersey	72	41	26	2	3	198	187	87	20-13-0-3	21-13-2-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Ottawa	73	37	26	6	4	221	213	84	19-14-2-2	18-12-4-2	5-3-0-2	L1
Washington	71	36	29	3	3	191	200	78	23-10-1-2	13-19-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
Winnipeg	71	34	29	4	4	189	199	76	23-10-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-3-1-1	W2
Buffalo	72	33	29	4	6	180	204	76	18-11-3-5	15-18-1-1	6-2-0-2	L2
Toronto	72	32	32	4	4	208	219	72	16-13-3-3	16-19-1-1	3-6-0-1	W2
Tampa Bay	71	32	32	4	3	199	240	71	21-13-1-1	11-19-3-2	5-4-1-0	L2
Carolina	72	28	29	9	6	190	214	71	18-13-1-5	10-16-8-1	5-3-2-0	W2
NY Islanders	72	29	32	7	4	168	211	69	15-16-5-1	14-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Montreal	73	28	33	3	9	191	203	69	13-15-2-7	15-17-2-2	4-3-2-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-St. Louis	73	46	19	1	7	189	142	100	28-4-1-3	18-15-0-4	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Vancouver	71	43	20	1	7	223	180	94	21-10-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	W1
d-Dallas	72	39	28	1	4	189	192	83	20-13-0-3	19-15-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
Detroit	72	44	24	2	2	221	174	92	28-4-1-1	16-20-1-1	3-6-1-0	L4
Nashville	70	41	21	3	5	203	185	90	23-8-2-3	18-14-1-2	6-3-0-1	L2
Chicago	72	39	25	4	4	217	210	86	24-7-1-4	15-18-3-0	6-3-0-1	W2
Colorado	74	39	30	3	2	194	195	83	21-15-0-1	18-15-3-1	6-3-0-1	W1
San Jose	71	36	25	5	5	194	181	82	21-11-2-1	15-14-3-4	4-3-1-2	W2
Los Angeles	72	35	25	5	7	167	157	82	19-13-0-4	16-12-5-3	7-3-0-0	W3
Phoenix	72	35	26	3	8	188	186	81	18-12-2-4	17-14-1-4	3-5-0-2	L1
Calgary	72	34	26	5	7	181	197	80	20-9-1-4	14-16-4-3	6-2-1-1	L1
Anaheim	72	30	31	5	6	179	200	71	19-15-2-0	11-16-3-6	3-6-1-0	L1
Minnesota	71	29	32	2	8	153	199	68	15-15-1-3	14-17-1-5	2-7-0-1	L3
Edmonton	71	28	36	3	4	188	210	63	18-15-2-2	10-21-1-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Columbus	71	22	42	2	5	164	230	51	13-20-1-2	9-22-1-3	4-6-0-0	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Philadelphia 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Washington at Chicago
Columbus at Calgary
Phoenix at Edmonton
Nashville at Anaheim
Carolina at Winnipeg
Saturday's results
Toronto 3 Ottawa 1
Vancouver 4 Columbus 3
N.Y. Islanders 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
Boston 3 Philadelphia 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 5 New Jersey 2
Carolina 5 Minnesota 3
Colorado 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 3 Tampa Bay 1
Florida 3 Buffalo 2 (SO)
Los Angeles 4 Nashville 2
San Jose 3 Detroit 2 (OT)
Tonight's games
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10 p.m.

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WEEK 11
Saturday's results
Buffalo 13 Minnesota 10
Philadelphia 16 Edmonton 15
Friday's result
Buffalo 21 Toronto 14

SATURDAY

CANUCKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3

First Period
1. Columbus, Prospal 12 (Atkinson, Mason) 7:55
2. Vancouver, Booth 15 (Higgins, Hamhuis) 16:16
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 29 (H.Sedin) 17:35
Penalty — Bieksa Vcr (interference) 3:35.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, Edler 11 (Schneider) 12:38 (pp)
5. Columbus, J.Johnson 11 (Johansen) 16:00
Penalty — J.Johnson Clb (holding) 11:40.
Third Period
6. Vancouver, D.Sedin 30 (H.Sedin, Edler) 15:19 (pp)
7. Columbus, Wisniewski 5 (J.Johnson, Letestu) 16:24
Penalties — Higgins Vcr (delay of game) 0:57, Lebda Clb (tripping) 12:45, Wisniewski Clb (hooking) 15:02.
Shots on goal by

Columbus	11	7	18	36
Vancouver	14	12	12	38

Goal — Columbus: Mason (L,12-23-3); Vancouver: Schneider (W,16-6-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 0-2; Vancouver: 2-3.
Referees — Stephen Walkom, Rob Martell.
Linesmen — Mike Cvik, Brian Mach.
Att. — 18,890 (18,860) at Vancouver.

ISLANDERS 3, CANADIENS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Montreal, Palushaj 1 (Nokelainen) 2:53
Penalties — Martin NYI, White Mtl (fighting) 9:01, Reasoner NYI (tripping) 12:26, Okposo NYI (holding) 16:08.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Streit 6 (Nielsen) 2:00 (pp)
3. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 14 (Hamonic, Bailey) 16:05
Penalties — Parenteau NYI (hooking), Leblanc Mtl (holding) 8:34, Parenteau NYI (diving), Leblanc Mtl (hooking) 11:19, Subban Mtl (holding) 19:44.
Third Period
4. Montreal, Leblanc 4 (Subban, Budaj) 3:38
Penalty — Streit NYI (delay of game) 18:43.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
N.Y. Islanders win 3-2
Montreal (2) — Desharnais, goal; Plekanec, miss; Pacioretty, miss; Bourque, goal; Eller, miss; Markov, miss.
N.Y. Islanders (3) — Nielsen, goal; Tavares, miss; Parenteau, miss; Moulson, goal; Okposo, miss; Bailey, goal.
Shots on goal by

N.Y. Islanders	12	18	7	1	—38
Montreal	10	9	7	4	—30

Goal — N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (W,7-6-5); Montreal: Budaj (L,3-6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Islanders: 1-2; Montreal: 0-4.
Referees — Justin St-Pierre, Eric Furlatt.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Scott Cherrey.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

MAPLE LEAFS 3, SENATORS 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — MacArthur Tor, Gonchar Ott (fighting) 11:22, Ashton Tor (goaltender interference) 18:03.
Second Period
1. Toronto, Connolly 11, 7:20
Penalties — Grabovski Tor, Schenn Tor (fighting), (fighting, double game misconduct), Neil Ott (fighting, game misconduct), Foligno Ott (fighting) 13:23, Connolly Tor, Smith Ott (roughing) 19:45.
Third Period
2. Toronto, Kessel 35 (Gardiner, Bozak) 0:53 (pp)
3. Toronto, Phaneuf 10 (Kessel, Gardiner) 12:02 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Greening 14 (Kuba, O'Brien) 18:51
Penalties — O'Brien Ott (hooking) 0:27, Steckel Tor (holding) 1:24, Komisarek Tor, Michalek Ott (roughing) 2:23, Phaneuf Tor (tripping) 2:34, Foligno Ott (holding) 7:56, Alfredsson Ott (slashing), Ottawa bench (too many men; served by Foligno) 11:07, Komisarek Tor (roughing), Rosehill Tor (misconduct), Foligno Ott (roughing) 15:31.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	4	8	6	18
Ottawa	7	14	9	30

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (W,13-12-4); Ottawa: Bishop (L,3-1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 2-4; Ottawa: 0-3.
Referees — Brad Watson, Don VanMassenhoven. **Linesmen** — Scott Driscoll, Michel Cormier.
Att. — 20,500 (19,153) at Ottawa.

FRIDAY

OILERS 3, FLAMES 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 17 (Eberle) 10:12
2. Edmonton, Eberle 31 (Hartikainen, Petry) 15:18
Penalties — Sarich Cal (roughing) 1:18, Whitney Edm (double roughing) 1:18, Giordano Cal (holding) 17:47.
Second Period
3. Calgary, Giordano 8, 12:24
Penalties — Tanguay Cal (tripping) 2:50, Giordano Cal (slashing) 8:42, Hemsky Edm (slashing) 8:42.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 18 (Jones, Eberle) 9:25
Penalties — Baertschi Cal (roughing) 3:27, Comeau Cal, Hemsky Edm (cross-checking) 10:53, Babchuk Cal (tripping) 15:57, Moss Cal (tripping) 16:17, Iginla Cal (tripping) 19:54.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	9	8	2	19
Edmonton	9	10	6	25

Goal — Calgary: Irving (L,1-3-3); Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,16-17-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 0-1; Edmonton: 0-6.
Referees — Mike Hasenfratz, Chris Rooney.
Linesmen — Derek Nansen, Vaugham Rody.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839).

JETS 3, CAPITALS 2

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Ladd 24 (Wheeler, Byfuglien) 11:08
2. Washington, Laich 15 (Johansson) 11:30
Penalties — Chimera Wash (hooking) 1:30, Hainsey Wpg (hooking) 8:09.
Second Period
3. Winnipeg, Antropov 12 (Stapleton, Miettinen) 16:10
Penalties — Brouwer Wash (hooking) 1:17, Knuble Wash (holding) 17:21, Laich Wash (delay of game) 17:43, Enstrom Wpg (holding) 19:50.
Third Period
4. Washington, Perreault 13, 0:27 (pp)
5. Winnipeg, Byfuglien 11 (Kane, Burmistrov) 9:21
Penalties — Chimera Wash (hooking) 2:43, Brouwer Wash, Wheeler Wpg (roughing) 7:41, Hainsey Wpg (high-sticking) 17:38.
Shots on goal by

Washington	5	6	11	22
Winnipeg	7	14	7	28

Goal — Washington: Vokoun (L,25-17-2); Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,27-23-7).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Washington: 1-3; Winnipeg: 0-5.
Referee — Mike Legge, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Mark Wheler, Brian Murphy.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004).

SENATORS 2, CANADIENS 1 (OT)

First Period
1. Montreal, Plekanec 14 (White) 8:18 (sh)
Penalties — Subban Mtl (fighting), Greening Ott (slashing, fighting) 3:05, Nokelainen Mtl (hooking) 6:25, Staubitz Mtl, Neil Ott (fighting) 12:27, Nokelainen Mtl (holding) 16:31, White Mtl (holding), Weber Mtl (roughing) Foligno Ott (slashing) 19:27, Subban Mtl (roughing) 19:55.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Eller Mtl (tripping) 1:57, Condra Ott (hooking) 5:59, Michalek Ott (boarding) 11:55, Phillips Ott (hooking) 14:07, Eller Mtl (hooking) 16:07, Cole Mtl (holding) 19:06.
Third Period
2. Ottawa, Greening 15 (Smith) 6:27
Penalties — Desharnais Mtl (delay of game) 3:56, White Mtl (delay of game) 15:20.
Overtime
3. Ottawa, Kuba 6 (Alfredsson) 3:07
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	8	3	3	0	—14
Ottawa	10	12	10	1	—33

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,25-27-9); Ottawa: Bishop (W,3-0-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-4; Ottawa: 0-8.
Referees — Chris Lee, Don Van Masssenhoven.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Derek Cherrey.
Attendance — 20,500 (19,153).

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

Yesterday's results
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 11, Washington 7
Minnesota 10, Pittsburgh 0
Toronto 10, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 2, Baltimore (ss) 2, tie, 10 innings
Houston 9, N.Y. Mets 5
St. Louis 4, Miami 2
Chicago Cubs (ss) 3, Texas (ss) 2
Colorado (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Texas (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Chicago White Sox 7, Chicago Cubs (ss) 5, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 1, L.A. Angels 1, tie, 6 innings
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 4
Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., ccd., Rain
Arizona (ss) 8, Cincinnati 7
San Diego (ss) 5, San Francisco 1
Oakland 11, Arizona (ss) 2
Baltimore (ss) 6, N.Y. Yankees 3

NBA

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 103, Cleveland 87
L.A. Clippers 87, Detroit 83, OT
Sacramento 115, Minnesota 99
Memphis 97, Washington 92
Miami 91, Orlando 81
Houston at Phoenix
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Portland at Oklahoma City
Saturday's results
L.A. Clippers 95, Houston 91
Charlotte 107, Toronto 103
New York 102, Indiana 88
Chicago 89, Philadelphia 80
New Orleans 102, New Jersey 94
Denver 98, Boston 91
Utah 99, Golden State 92, OT
Dallas 106, San Antonio 99
Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

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Robert Garrigus, $410,667	67-72-68-64—271
Ken Duke, $93,188	68-67-69-68—272

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At Marbella, Spain
Par: 72
Final Round

Julien Quesne	68-72-67-64—271
Matteo Manassero	64-73-68-68—273
Eduardo De La Riva	67-69-68-70—274
David Lynn	70-68-68-69—275
Raphael Jacquelin,	70-68-69-69—276
Also	
Mike Weir	**68-73-72-73—286**

SOCCER

MLS

Yesterday's results
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 3 D.C. United 1
Saturday's results
Montreal 1, Chicago 1, tie
Houston 1, San Jose 0
Sporting Kansas City 3, New England 0
FC Dallas 1, Portland 1, tie
Real Salt Lake 2, New York 0
Seattle FC 3, Toronto FC 1
Vancouver 1, Chivas USA 0

ENGLAND

FA CUP
Quarter-finals
Yesterday's results
Chelsea 5 Leicester 2
Liverpool 2 Stoke 1

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Man United 5
Newcastle 1 Norwich 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Yesterday's result
Cardiff 0 Burnley 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1
Yesterday's results
Lille 4 Valenciennes 0
Rennes 0 Toulouse 1
Sochaux 2 Nice 0

GERMANY
BUNDESLIGA
Hannover 4 Cologne 1
Kaiserslautern 1 Schalke 4

GREECE

Levadiakos 2 Atromitos 2
Panaitolikos 1 PAOK 1
Panionios 2 Drama 0
Xanthi 1 Giannena 2
Panathinaikos vs. Olympiakos (abandoned)

ITALY

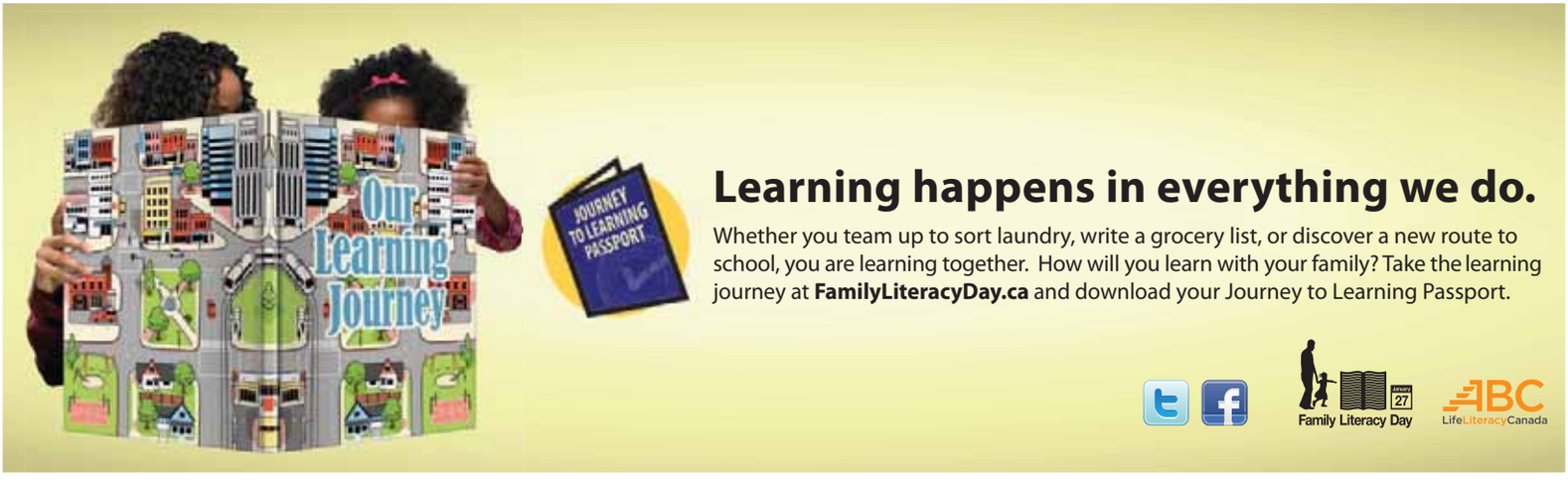
SERIE A
Yesterday's results
Bologna 2 Chievo Verona 2
Cagliari 3 Cesena 0
Catania 1 Lazio 0
Inter Milan 0 Atalanta 0
Lecce 1 Palermo 1
Siena 0 Novara 2
Udinese 2 Napoli 2

NETHERLANDS

EREDIVISIE
Yesterday's results
ADO The Hague 0 Ajax 2
AZ Alkmaar 0 NAC Breda 0
FC Twente 0 Feyenoord 2
FC Utrecht 3 FC Groningen 1
PSV Eindhoven 5 SC Heerenveen 1

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP
Final
Celtic 0 Kilmarnock 1
PREMIER LEAGUE
Hearts 2 Hibernian 0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Bolton says player remains in critical condition

Soccer. Fabrice Muamba suffered cardiac arrest during FA Cup match with Tottenham

Bolton player Fabrice Muamba was still fighting for his life in intensive care on Sunday night, remaining in critical condition a day after collapsing during a match because of a cardiac arrest.

The 23-year-old midfielder's heart only started beating on its own when he arrived at a London hospital on Saturday night from Tottenham's ground, medics said, after having fallen face down on the turf just before halftime.

"God is in control," the soccer player's fiancée Shauna Magunda wrote on her Twitter account. "Please keep praying for fmuamba its really helping I can feel it."

Amid an outpouring of global concern for Muamba's health — from FIFA executives to players at rival clubs — members of the Bolton management team, relatives and friends visited him at London Chest Hospital.

About 24 hours after Muamba's collapse was screened live to a worldwide television audience, Bolton said he remained anesthetized, adding that no further statements would be provided until Monday.

"Everybody is praying for Fabrice, which is very important, and that has been a real source of strength to the family," Bolton manager Owen Coyle said outside the hospital. "It's great to be talented at football but it is more important to be a genuinely nice man, and Fabrice is that. We certainly hope he comes through this.

"Our concern is Fabrice and Fabrice only, and that's what all our energy is going into — hopefully a happy outcome."

Muamba collapsed in the 41st minute of the FA Cup match at White Hart Lane, and paramedics immediately began trying to revive him near the halfway line.

"Fabrice received prolonged resuscitation at the ground and en route to the London Chest Hospital, where his heart eventually started working," Bolton said in a joint statement with the hospital on Sunday morning. "As is normal medical practice, Fabrice remains anesthetized in intensive care and will be for at least 24 hours."

Fabrice Muamba STU FORSTER/GETTY IMAGES

That rapid treatment was available for Muamba at White Hart Lane was the result of changes brought in following a serious head injury to Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech in 2006, with paramedics and an ambulance now on hand at matches.

But uncertainty lingered on Sunday about the causes of the cardiac arrest for Muamba, who was described by former Birmingham manager Steve Bruce as "one of the fittest players I have managed."

The Professional Footballers' Association said there are annual heart screenings for players.

"While we have been able to pick up quite a number (of heart defects) and then been able to put them right, it is not always possible," PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor told The Associated Press. "This sometimes happens to young men and women who would be the last people you would think about having such a defect, and then suddenly it is found out."

Dr. Graham Stuart, a Football Association-accredited cardiologist, said detecting heart defects can be problematic.

"Usually in these cases the reason for this happening is something to do with a heart-muscle problem or there is a weakness in the heart muscle," he said. "It could also be a primary arrhythmia disorder — that is where there is an irregularity in the heart of the ionic channels."

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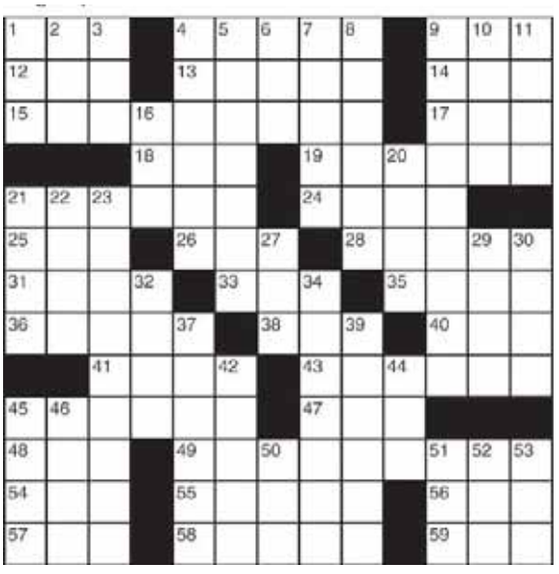

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9 Golf standard
12 Witness
13 Serf
14 Exist
15 It goes without saying
17 Zero
18 Acapulco gold
19 "Help!"
21 Kermit or Fozzie
24 Lotion additive
25 401(k) alternative
26 Red or Black
28 Power glitch
31 Supermarket stack
33 Knight's address
35 Streamlet
36 Island greeting
38 Unruly group
40 Greek consonants
41 Start from scratch
43 Daredevil's cord
45 Zigzag on the slopes
47 Lingerie item
48 Overactor
49 Praiseful speech
54 Eggs
55 Yonder
56 A Gabor sister
57 — de deux
58 Nymph pursuer
59 Society newcomer

Down

1 Cleopatra's slayer
2 Pod dweller
3 Corral
4 Household tasks
5 TV controls
6 "The Greatest" 7 Mell Lazarus comic strip
8 Filches
9 Catering (to)
10 Operatic solo
11 Depend (on)
16 Upper surface
20 Thy
21 Isinglass
22 Caspian feeder
23 Landscapes
27 Intent
29 Adhesive
30 Otherwise
32 Writer Silverstein
34 Theft
37 Takes as one's own
39 McDonald's offering
42 Nebraska city
44 Aye's opposite
45 Buy stuff
46 Volcanic outflow
50 Trawler need
51 Crimson
52 "— Got a Secret"
53 Taxi

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Friday's answer

Sudoku

	7		4					5
			9				4	8
9	5		6					
	6		3	5		7		9
1		5		6	4		3	
					7		8	6
2	8				6			
6					2		7	

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Friday's answer

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- **Don't.** Yes I want you in my lif, especially outside of this! I wouldn't still be here if I didn't, and want you say something first, you can't say I haven't before, know your sorry, and swallowed my pride a long time ago, I'm completely shameless now, my feelings for you can't you tell?I swear you won't regret it! I want what I had before again and more! Oh, and you can see me now, you can forever, if you want to. From Second guess

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. What other people think about you is of no importance – the only thing that matters is that you have total self-belief.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be robust but you have limits like everyone else – not just physical but mental and emotional too.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Get other people interested in what you are doing.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't worry about what your colleagues may be doing, just do what is best for you.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. What are the big questions of your existence? Strive to answer them.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Over the next few days you will meet a number of important people, the kind of people who can help you make your dream come true.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Aries this coming week will have a huge effect on your relationships, so put partners and loved ones first.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. No one, but no one can ever be allowed to deny you freedom of speech.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Life will get rather hectic over the next few days, but in a good way. Cosmic activity in the most creative area of your chart will inspire you to produce some of your finest artistic work.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Family and other disputes can and must be resolved today.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. A couple of friends will take opposing positions today and the potential for conflict is high.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The planets indicate quite clearly that over the next few days you are going to have to deal with some kind of financial upheaval. It may be difficult but it certainly isn't a crisis.

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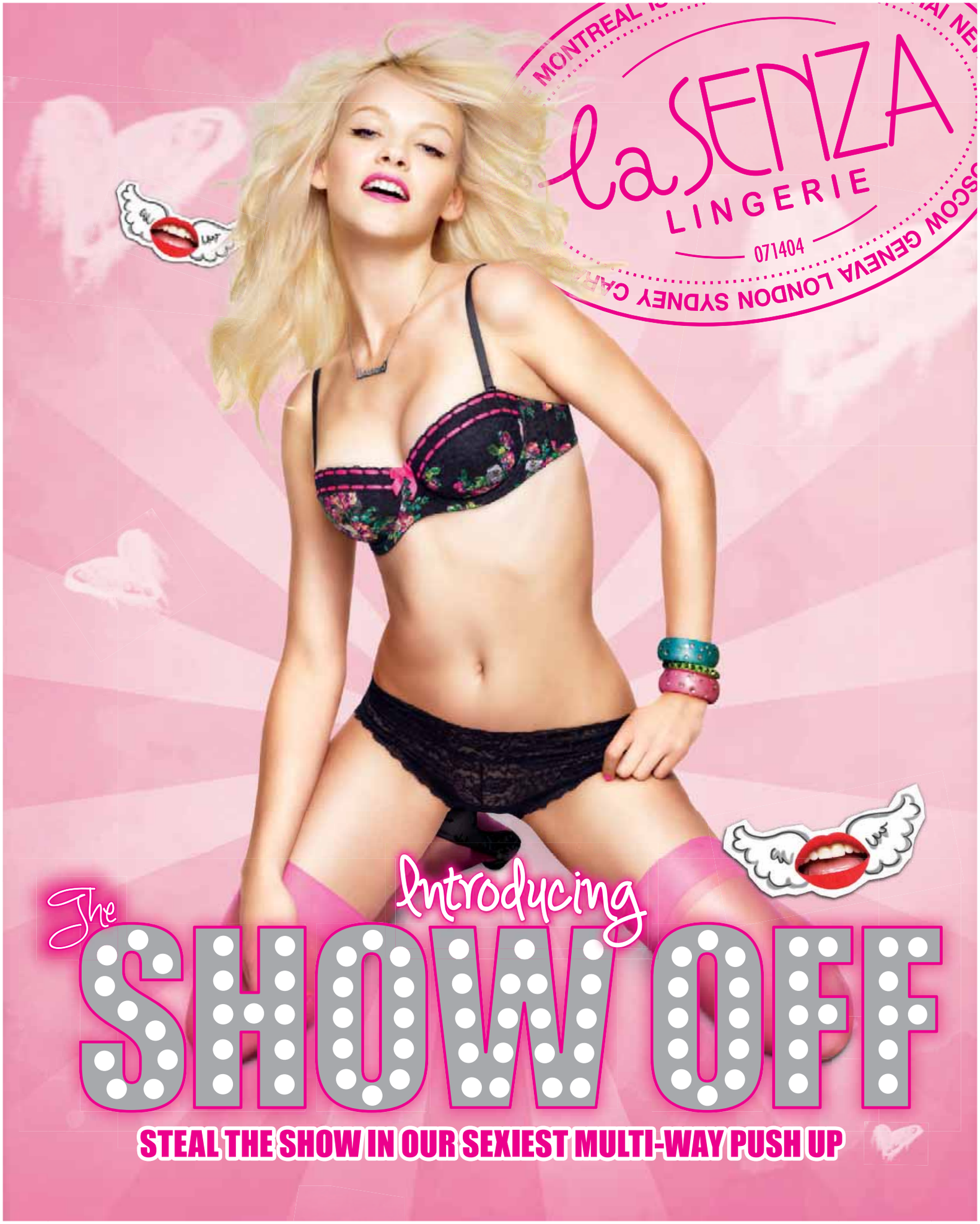
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